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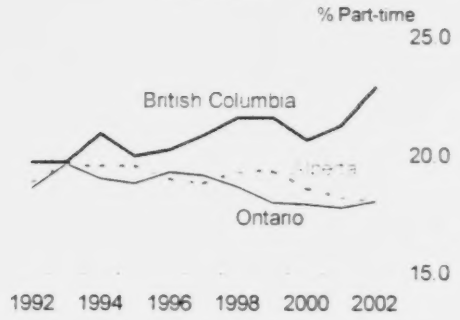
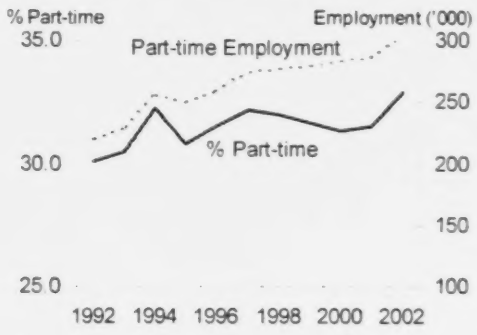
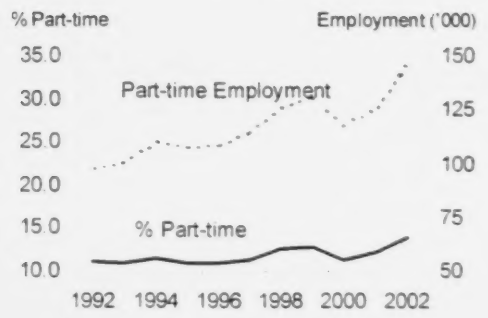
Part-timers are an increasing share of the BC workforce



A third of women workers in BC are part-time



In BC, 1 in 7 working men is now part-time

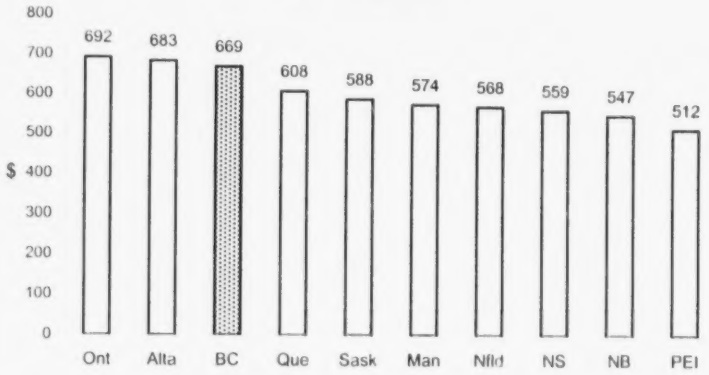


- The share of jobs held by part-time workers across Canada has been increasing steadily since 1976, the first year for which there is comparable data available.
- By 2002, BC led the provinces in the proportion of part-timers (22.9%), although a decade ago, Saskatchewan was experiencing higher levels than BC today.
- While the total number of persons employed in BC in 2002 was 22% above the level in 1992, part-time employment was 42% above the 1992 level.
- Close to 2/3 of part-time workers in this province are women. However, it is among men where there has been the most growth in the proportion of part-time work.
- In 2002, 69% of BC's part-time workers, said they worked part-time because of other commitments, illness or by choice; 80% of Alberta's workers did so for these reasons. Newfoundland and Labrador was at the other end with only 49% giving these reasons for working part-time; 19% of workers in Newfoundland and Labrador worked part-time.
- Food services and retail are well known as part-time employers. Within retail in BC, the leaders were non-store retailers at 57% of workers and clothing stores at 50% in 2002. Other sectors in BC where more than half of workers were part-time were Other Schools (fine arts, athletic and language) and domestic service.

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - January 2003

by Province



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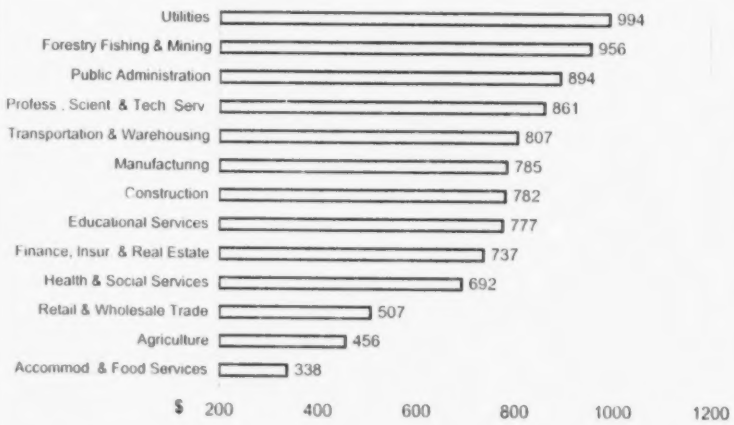
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Health & Social Services 692
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Accommod & Food Services 338
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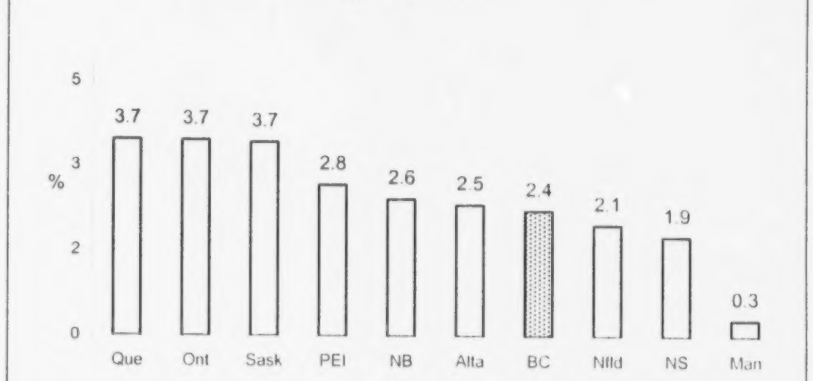
** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - January 2003

by Province



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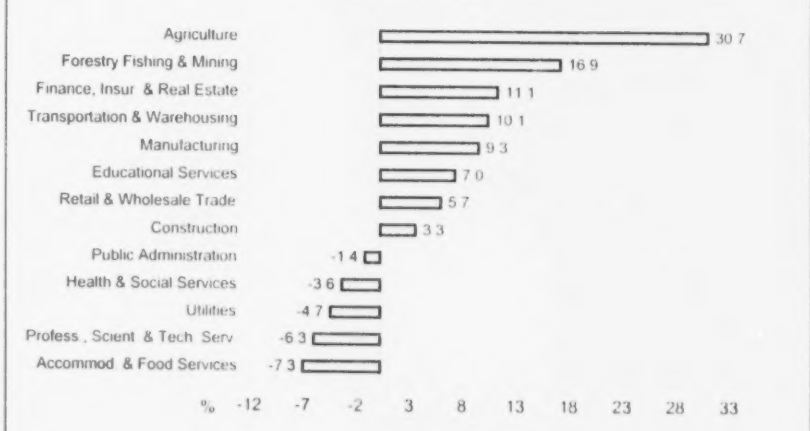
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Health & Social Services -3 6
Utilities -4 7
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Accommod & Food Services -7 3
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** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
					Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
		% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
	1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.8			-0.2	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
	1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
	1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.2			-0.6	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
	1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.1			0.2	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
	1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
	1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			4.1			2.5	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
	1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.3	0.0	0.9	1.1	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
	2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
	2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	3.1	-0.3	0.6	0.3	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
	2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.9	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002	Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.6	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
	Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	3.5	-0.9	1.3	2.4	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
	Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.1	-0.8	0.9	1.6	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	7.7	5.7
	Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
	May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	3.2	1.0	1.4	2.0	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
	Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.3	1.3	1.2	3.2	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
	Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.3	2.0	0.7	-0.1	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
	Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	2.8	1.7	0.0	1.0	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
	Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.3	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
	Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.3	1.8	-0.9	1.2	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
	Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.7	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
	Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	3.0	1.6	-2.2	0.6	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003	Jan			-1.1	3.6	2.2	-2.9			-1.8	2.5	3.1	0.2	8.2	7.4	4.2
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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
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1997	572.16		610.70		560.83		501.32		508.22		604.32		548.45		487.77		479.56		440.42		492.79	
1998	579.89		618.35		573.15		508.24		515.55		611.13		555.93		496.06		494.60		446.17		490.40	
1999	595.62	2.7	625.22	1.1	593.60	3.6	524.90	3.3	530.97	3.0	633.05	3.6	565.83	1.8	504.70	1.7	503.35	1.8	462.02	3.6	495.79	1.1
2000	614.87	3.2	637.07	1.9	615.30	3.7	544.34	3.7	549.80	3.5	656.48	3.7	579.35	2.4	532.17	5.4	521.09	3.5	472.06	2.2	524.13	5.7
2001	634.30	3.2	645.70	1.4	651.14	5.8	572.13	5.1	559.28	1.7	678.12	3.3	595.09	2.7	536.18	0.8	540.89	3.8	496.51	5.2	550.29	5.0
2002	650.10	2.5	667.51	3.4	681.54	4.7	587.35	2.7	573.25	2.5	691.46	2.0	606.54	1.9	545.50	1.7	557.51	3.1	510.75	2.9	566.36	2.9
2002 Jan	644.11	3.1	656.05	2.4	662.97	4.6	583.46	4.5	562.28	-0.9	689.28	3.6	602.61	2.8	538.83	-1.8	544.99	1.3	513.39	4.8	556.22	4.1
Feb	645.24	2.8	656.21	2.0	674.86	4.6	582.74	3.3	562.23	0.7	689.61	3.0	601.53	2.6	538.69	-0.8	547.91	2.2	504.46	3.9	553.20	3.0
Mar	647.71	2.7	663.44	2.0	682.08	6.4	581.70	3.6	566.56	1.0	691.17	2.6	601.71	2.3	543.06	-0.1	545.25	0.8	507.40	4.2	560.35	4.8
Apr	650.90	2.5	668.06	2.7	681.75	5.7	585.01	2.4	569.59	1.1	693.21	2.2	607.40	2.2	546.77	1.2	552.38	1.5	519.74	6.4	567.78	3.3
May	650.33	2.4	670.27	3.2	686.17	5.7	585.49	2.4	569.65	1.6	689.99	1.5	607.85	2.1	543.23	2.3	560.22	5.2	516.87	5.1	575.39	4.8
Jun	650.36	2.5	668.57	3.0	687.23	5.8	585.89	2.0	575.44	2.6	689.24	1.8	609.90	2.2	546.20	3.3	555.76	3.1	510.02	4.1	574.80	3.1
Jul	648.92	2.8	663.53	3.9	686.68	5.3	587.59	2.5	583.91	4.9	688.16	1.9	608.54	2.5	546.08	2.6	561.01	3.8	497.72	2.3	540.65	-0.4
Aug	652.38	2.5	667.96	4.0	680.36	4.5	594.47	3.8	585.59	3.9	691.44	1.5	613.56	2.1	546.38	3.3	570.42	4.1	504.84	2.4	554.43	1.3
Sep	654.18	2.3	668.84	3.6	689.43	5.9	594.29	3.0	586.92	5.3	695.18	1.0	609.46	1.6	549.43	2.3	565.45	2.6	508.66	0.5	574.05	2.5
Oct	651.07	2.2	671.53	4.3	679.38	2.6	594.03	2.5	573.68	3.8	692.83	1.7	604.81	1.2	547.54	2.6	558.45	3.4	508.39	-1.1	585.79	3.0
Nov	653.97	2.5	678.18	4.2	685.50	3.6	587.49	1.4	569.42	2.5	695.48	2.0	606.48	1.6	545.35	2.2	560.84	4.1	517.21	0.4	582.87	2.7
Dec	651.35	1.6	676.45	5.1	681.19	1.7	585.02	0.4	572.51	3.2	691.78	1.0	603.64	-0.1	553.17	3.0	564.63	4.4	522.86	2.4	572.38	4.2
2003 Jan	658.15	2.2	679.52	3.6	685.97	3.5	591.72	1.4	569.86	1.3	697.88	1.2	616.43	2.3	556.22	3.2	562.11	3.1	527.80	2.8	577.57	3.8
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Jan-Jan02	644.11		656.05		662.97		583.46		562.28		689.28		602.61		538.83		544.99		513.39		556.22	
Jan-Jan03	658.15		679.52		685.97		591.72		569.86		697.88		616.43		556.22		562.11		527.80		577.57	
% Change	2.2		3.6		3.5		1.4		1.3		1.2		2.3		3.2		3.1		2.8		3.8	

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2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
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1997	15.56		16.87		14.76		13.50		13.80		16.31		15.30		12.89		12.87		11.78		13.08	
1998	15.75		17.10		15.14		13.71		14.00		16.45		15.45		13.09		13.20		11.92		12.98	
1999	16.14	2.5	17.26	0.9	15.75	4.0	14.17	3.4	14.44	3.1	16.98	3.2	15.70	1.6	13.30	1.6	13.41	1.6	12.23	2.6	13.02	0.3
2000	16.64	3.1	17.59	1.9	16.26	3.2	14.70	3.7	14.93	3.4	17.58	3.5	16.07	2.4	13.97	5.0	13.94	4.0	12.58	2.9	13.69	5.1
2001	17.18	3.2	17.93	1.9	17.07	5.0	15.36	4.5	15.27	2.3	18.16	3.3	16.59	3.2	14.16	1.4	14.45	3.7	13.22	5.1	14.32	4.6
2002	17.66	2.8	18.58	3.6	17.94	5.1	15.87	3.3	15.69	2.8	18.56	2.2	16.97	2.3	14.42	1.8	14.80	2.4	13.62	3.0	14.81	3.4
2002 Jan	17.61	3.2	18.33	3.1	17.61	5.3	15.76	4.6	15.42	-2.3	18.61	3.7	16.98	2.9	14.49	-0.3	14.76	0.5	14.18	5.1	14.90	4.9
Feb	17.66	3.1	18.46	3.7	17.78	5.5	15.81	3.6	15.51	0.1	18.66	3.2	16.92	2.3	14.55	-0.1	14.82	1.7	13.97	3.3	14.87	3.6
Mar	17.69	3.1	18.50	2.8	18.09	7.5	15.90	4.7	15.62	0.8	18.62	2.8	16.94	2.5	14.58	1.0	14.66	0.5	14.04	4.7	15.02	4.1
Apr	17.73	2.7	18.60	3.1	18.13	5.8	15.90	2.8	15.65	0.6	18.61	2.4	17.07	2.6	14.57	1.2	14.76	1.1	14.00	4.5	15.03	3.5
May	17.61	2.4	18.58	2.7	17.96	5.2	15.82	3.1	15.63	2.6	18.48	1.9	16.97	2.0	14.32	2.4	14.67	3.2	13.53	4.2	14.85	4.6
Jun	17.56	2.8	18.44	2.5	18.01	6.1	15.81	3.1	15.81	4.2	18.46	2.4	16.87	1.9	14.23	3.0	14.58	2.4	13.19	3.5	14.63	3.5
Jul	17.38	2.9	18.31	3.6	17.78	5.3	15.70	3.4	15.72	5.9	18.26	1.9	16.71	2.8	14.22	3.0	14.58	2.9	12.87	2.5	13.91	2.1
Aug	17.44	2.9	18.28	3.9	17.68	5.2	15.76	4.0	15.74	4.9	18.31	1.8	16.86	2.7	14.16	2.9	14.78	3.6	13.02	3.2	14.19	2.2
Sep	17.77	2.8	18.62	3.7	18.17	6.1	15.97	3.2	15.93	5.3	18.67	1.9	17.07	2.1	14.43	2.3	15.04	2.8	13.47	2.8	14.99	3.6
Oct	17.76	2.7	18.78	4.3	18.03	3.6	16.03	3.0	15.75	4.7	18.64	2.0	17.09	2.3	14.50	2.9	14.89	2.5	13.49	0.1	15.21	2.6
Nov	17.84	2.6	18.99	4.6	18.03	3.6	15.97	2.0	15.70	3.2	18.73	1.9	17.09	2.2	14.48	1.8	15.05	3.4	13.83	0.2	15.19	2.8
Dec	17.83	2.1	19.04	5.4	18.00	2.3	16.00	2.2	15.76	3.1	18.66	0.9	17.12	1.5	14.64	1.8	15.06	4.3	14.28	2.9	15.17	4.5
2003 Jan	18.02	2.3	19.14	4.4	18.11	2.8	16.34	3.7	15.79	2.4	18.85	1.3	17.38	2.4	14.80	2.1	15.26	3.4	14.58	2.8	15.51	4.1
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Jan-Jan02	17.61		18.33		17.61		15.76		15.42		18.61		16.98		14.49		14.76		14.18		14.90	
Jan-Jan03	18.02		19.14		18.11		16.34		15.79		18.85		17.38		14.80		15.26		14.58		15.51	
% Change	2.3		4.4		2.8		3.7		2.4		1.3		2.4		2.1		3.4		2.8		4.1	

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2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857.5		1,675.9		1,294.8		450.8		506.5		4,973.8		3,039.9		301.5		367.9		54.4		191.9	
1994	13,111.7	2.0	1,754.0	4.7	1,331.6	2.8	455.7	1.1	509.5	0.6	5,039.2	1.3	3,100.6	2.0	300.2	-0.4	373.3	1.5	55.4	1.8	192.2	0.2
1995	13,356.9	1.9	1,792.3	2.2	1,369.3	2.8	459.4	0.8	519.0	1.9	5,130.6	1.8	3,147.5	1.5	309.9	3.2	377.1	1.0	57.3	3.4	194.3	1.1
1996	13,462.6	0.8	1,821.2	1.6	1,408.4	2.9	457.5	-0.4	518.6	-0.1	5,180.8	1.0	3,145.9	-0.1	306.2	-1.2	378.1	0.3	58.9	2.8	187.0	-3.8
1997	13,774.4	2.3	1,869.0	2.6	1,457.9	3.5	470.0	2.7	525.6	1.3	5,313.4	2.6	3,195.1	1.6	310.7	1.5	384.3	1.6	59.2	0.5	189.3	1.2
1998	14,140.4	2.7	1,870.2	0.1	1,515.4	3.9	476.3	1.3	535.7	1.9	5,490.0	3.3	3,281.5	2.7	317.8	2.3	398.9	3.8	60.4	2.0	194.2	2.6
1999	14,531.2	2.8	1,906.4	1.9	1,553.3	2.5	480.1	0.8	542.7	1.3	5,688.1	3.6	3,357.4	2.3	328.4	3.3	408.6	2.4	61.3	1.5	204.9	5.5
2000	14,909.7	2.6	1,949.1	2.2	1,588.2	2.2	485.0	1.0	554.4	2.2	5,872.1	3.2	3,437.7	2.4	334.4	1.8	419.5	2.7	64.5	5.2	204.6	-0.1
2001	15,076.8	1.1	1,942.4	-0.3	1,632.1	2.8	472.4	-2.6	557.9	0.6	5,962.7	1.5	3,474.5	1.1	334.4	0.0	423.3	0.9	65.9	2.2	211.3	3.3
2002	15,411.8	2.2	1,973.4	1.6	1,673.8	2.6	482.0	2.0	567.0	1.6	6,068.0	1.8	3,592.7	3.4	345.6	3.3	428.4	1.2	67.1	1.8	213.9	1.2
2002 Jan	14,796.7	0.8	1,899.6	-0.1	1,627.3	2.3	458.7	-2.4	553.7	1.6	5,863.3	0.2	3,407.5	1.7	321.4	0.2	410.0	2.3	59.7	1.0	195.5	2.4
Feb	14,860.2	0.9	1,903.7	-1.2	1,623.3	1.2	464.9	0.2	551.2	0.8	5,892.5	1.0	3,441.1	1.9	321.7	2.7	406.4	-0.1	60.6	0.3	194.8	1.9
Mar	14,980.1	1.5	1,920.6	-1.4	1,639.3	2.6	465.7	-0.2	559.6	2.1	5,914.1	1.1	3,483.6	2.9	326.8	5.6	410.1	1.4	61.5	0.7	198.8	3.0
Apr	15,095.1	1.5	1,938.1	0.1	1,631.6	1.5	464.3	-0.2	557.0	1.4	5,953.9	0.7	3,534.7	3.7	331.3	4.2	415.5	1.8	64.0	5.4	204.7	3.2
May	15,469.0	1.6	1,961.8	-1.2	1,670.0	1.3	486.1	2.3	568.9	1.3	6,076.7	0.8	3,634.6	4.4	349.2	3.8	434.9	3.1	70.2	1.6	216.5	0.1
Jun	15,723.9	2.2	2,010.7	1.3	1,698.8	1.7	494.3	2.7	580.6	2.6	6,128.5	1.1	3,707.2	4.5	360.3	2.9	441.2	1.8	72.7	0.1	229.5	1.3
Jul	15,810.9	2.3	2,023.0	2.1	1,718.7	3.6	494.2	1.5	576.9	2.5	6,154.5	1.3	3,724.1	3.8	364.2	3.2	442.5	-0.5	72.3	0.1	240.7	3.2
Aug	15,850.2	2.8	2,035.3	3.7	1,716.6	3.6	496.4	1.2	574.3	2.1	6,223.7	2.3	3,682.1	3.3	367.8	3.1	447.3	1.5	74.0	2.6	232.8	1.9
Sep	15,613.4	2.9	2,020.6	3.9	1,680.4	2.3	493.7	4.1	573.5	1.7	6,122.3	2.9	3,636.5	3.1	359.6	4.1	434.1	1.0	71.7	3.9	221.0	0.6
Oct	15,613.3	3.1	2,002.5	4.1	1,681.6	2.6	492.2	4.7	571.4	1.1	6,157.2	3.2	3,636.3	3.2	354.3	3.0	434.6	0.0	69.0	2.4	214.3	-1.2
Nov	15,580.4	3.3	1,987.9	3.8	1,698.0	3.7	489.0	5.3	567.9	1.0	6,175.3	3.3	3,606.0	3.6	348.8	3.9	432.2	0.8	65.1	1.6	210.2	-1.1
Dec	15,548.8	3.7	1,977.0	4.1	1,700.6	4.2	484.2	5.4	569.0	1.4	6,153.7	3.3	3,618.7	4.8	341.9	3.7	431.6	1.5	64.0	2.6	208.1	-0.3
2003 Jan	15,266.3	3.2	1,944.5	2.4	1,667.5	2.5	475.5	3.7	555.4	0.3	6,080.7	3.7	3,534.3	3.7	329.7	2.6	417.7	1.9	61.4	2.8	199.6	2.1
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Jan-Jan02	14,796.7		1,899.6		1,627.3		458.7		553.7		5,863.3		3,407.5		321.4		410.0		59.7		195.5	
Jan-Jan03	15,266.3		1,944.5		1,667.5		475.5		555.4		6,080.7		3,534.3		329.7		417.7		61.4		199.6	
% Change	3.2		2.4		2.5		3.7		0.3		3.7		3.7		2.6		1.9		2.8		2.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
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Jan-Jan02	34.1		32.7		35.4		34.1		34.1		34.7		33.3		34.9		33.8		32.8		33.6	
Jan-Jan03	34.0		32.2		35.5		33.0		33.7		34.6		33.4		34.8		33.7		33.7		34.2	
% Change	-0.3		-1.5		0.3		-3.2		-1.2		-0.3		0.3		-0.3		-0.3		2.7		1.8	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1993									377.6		1,194.9					
	1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
	1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
	1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
	1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
	1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
	1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002	Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
	Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
	Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
	Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
	May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
	Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
	Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
	Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
	Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
	Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	29.2	-1.7
	Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
	Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003	Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
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Jan-Jan02		798.95		623.16		20.19		17.90		361.8		1,537.8		35.9		32.0	
Jan-Jan03		814.79		646.72		20.77		18.74		394.4		1,550.0		36.7		31.0	
% Change		2.0		3.8		2.9		4.7		9.0		0.8		2.2		-3.1	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.53		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		446.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-0.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.8
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	752.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	764.81	-0.7	743.38	-2.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
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Jan-Jan02	798.95		489.49		951.45		874.00		789.33		792.22	
Jan-Jan03	814.79		413.24		966.58		1050.41		810.72		808.70	
% Change	2.0		-15.6		1.6		20.2		2.7		2.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		696.91		466.36		488.80		729.15		737.64		602.04		315.19		785.62		492.75	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		518.35	
1999	590.15	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	316.19	-3.5	790.38	3.3	525.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.91	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.68	0.3	765.19	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.7	813.52	2.8	537.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.56	1.3	545.71	1.6
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	557.51	2.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.9	803.56	-0.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.9	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	536.05	2.4
Feb	616.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	686.61	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	536.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.94	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	893.43	5.2	553.44	2.0
Apr	638.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.6	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	568.96	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.43	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	9.1	570.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	5.4	856.77	2.4	796.27	1.1	698.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	568.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.19	7.6	815.94	4.7	782.86	6.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	563.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	567.96	6.0
Sep	644.49	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	794.69	-0.2	703.96	6.6	355.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	568.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	9.6	820.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	695.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.73	10.1	571.53	4.2
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.62	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.69	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.21	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	578.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	782.04	6.9	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.62	5.7	777.89	4.8	695.21	4.9	340.98	32.7	916.22	8.0	576.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	764.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.16	3.3	579.52	3.0
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Average:																				
Jan-Jan02	623.16		755.01		488.11		655.80		803.56		764.20		676.78		331.35		862.08		536.05	
Jan-Jan03	646.72		819.23		521.24		733.33		917.16		764.97		694.53		338.02		890.16		579.52	
% Change	3.8		8.5		6.8		11.8		14.1		-0.3		2.6		2.0		3.3		8.1	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.61		23.58		18.45		17.80	
1998	18.95		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.58	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.91	0.7	19.22	1.7	19.08	1.0
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.2	19.62	2.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-0.7	22.39	-0.0	23.27	-6.1	19.75	2.3	20.03	1.2
Feb	20.08	4.5	13.48	9.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-0.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.48	4.3
Apr	20.48	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.09	-4.5	20.09	6.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	25.45	3.4	19.62	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.46	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.05	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.09	-0.5
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.16	2.6	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-10.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.87	-2.6
Sep	19.64	-1.0	10.75	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.8	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.66	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.6	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.10	-0.3	11.76	1.2	23.37	0.9	25.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.82	6.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
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Average:												
Jan-Jan02	20.19		12.30		22.39		23.27		19.75		20.03	
Jan-Jan03	20.77		12.42		23.82		27.54		20.61		20.72	
% Change	2.9		1.0		6.5		18.3		4.2		-1.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.87	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.58	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.44	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.73	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
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Average:																				
Jan-Jan02	17.90		19.39		14.28		17.92		21.09		23.57		20.72		10.81		23.35		18.33	
Jan-Jan03	18.74		20.81		15.11		20.06		24.27		24.18		21.64		11.43		24.13		19.14	
% Change	4.7		7.3		5.8		11.9		15.1		2.6		4.4		5.7		3.3		4.4	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384 5		34 3		25 8		6 3		12 3		179 2		22 2		49 2		21 6		114 2	
1994	401 6	4 4	30 7	-10 5	30 7	19 0	6 2	-1 6	12 0	-2 4	183 7	2 5	26 8	20 7	49 7	1 0	21 0	-2 8	125 6	10 0
1995	405 4	0 9	25 6	-16 6	36 3	18 2	4 5	-27 4	14 2	18 3	188 7	2 7	22 1	-17 5	43 4	-12 7	23 8	13 3	125 1	-0 4
1996	410 2	1 2	30 1	17 6	32 1	-11 6	5 1	13 3	17 5	23 2	195 1	3 4	24 4	10 4	43 8	0 9	22 9	-3 8	119 5	-4 5
1997	417 8	1 9	33 2	10 3	32 6	1 6	5 4	5 9	16 5	-5 7	197 0	1 0	25 5	4 5	44 8	2 3	22 9	0 0	122 9	2 8
1998	408 9	-2 1	33 1	-0 3	29 8	-8 6	3 5	-35 2	17 3	4 8	196 0	-0 5	25 8	1 2	43 6	-2 7	22 5	-1 7	117 7	-4 2
1999	396 5	-3 0	28 6	-13 6	30 2	1 3	4 0	14 3	14 8	-14 5	192 2	-1 9	21 7	-15 9	42 0	-3 7	22 3	-0 9	115 3	-2 0
2000	414 4	4 5	29 7	3 8	37 1	22 8	4 8	20 0	13 4	-9 5	205 4	6 9	23 7	9 2	46 5	10 7	17 7	-20 6	112 5	-2 4
2001	392 0	-5 4	25 9	-12 8	26 1	-29 6	5 4	12 5	11 8	-11 9	196 2	-4 5	26 2	10 5	49 5	6 5	15 0	-15 3	114 9	2 1
2002	399 0	1 8	30 1	16 2	25 9	-0 8	3 3	-38 9	9 7	-17 8	196 9	0 4	27 0	3 1	44 7	-9 7	16 7	11 3	120 6	5 0
2002 Jan	361 8	-5 1	21 8	5 8	21 3	-29 5	2 8	12 0	12 4	-1 6	179 8	-13 5	18 0	-33 6	41 9	-18 2	16 3	30 4	110 8	13 9
Feb	365 8	-5 5	20 9	-19 0	23 9	-18 4	1 7	-58 5	11 6	9 4	186 9	-6 3	21 5	-17 3	47 1	-11 8	17 6	23 9	109 7	2 1
Mar	373 0	-5 8	23 4	-11 0	25 0	3 3	2 1	-76 4	11 2	10 9	191 5	-6 0	20 2	-31 5	50 3	-7 2	21 1	45 5	107 5	-4 4
Apr	376 6	-4 7	24 9	-7 8	22 0	3 8	2 5	-66 7	9 3	13 4	194 8	-4 5	20 0	-30 6	48 4	-1 4	19 0	20 3	111 9	-2 0
May	390 1	-3 1	29 1	19 8	24 2	-0 8	2 3	-71 3	8 8	-12 9	192 1	-5 0	22 4	-24 3	48 3	-4 4	19 4	9 0	119 6	-0 6
Jun	406 2	0 0	32 8	28 6	23 1	-2 5	2 6	-60 0	9 6	-18 6	202 7	0 0	28 7	-5 3	44 8	-5 9	18 1	-3 2	121 7	-1 2
Jul	424 7	2 6	35 0	24 1	26 2	-7 4	3 0	-49 2	10 5	-5 4	207 5	4 8	32 9	30 0	45 1	-12 9	16 7	-6 7	129 8	0 2
Aug	431 6	5 2	38 4	18 5	28 5	-5 9	4 9	-3 9	8 2	-34 9	206 4	5 0	34 7	23 9	44 0	-12 5	14 0	-12 5	133 2	10 6
Sep	422 5	5 1	37 3	30 4	29 8	1 0	4 1	-6 8	8 8	-39 7	202 4	3 2	36 7	49 8	40 8	-17 2	15 5	21 1	127 9	9 3
Oct	423 4	9 1	35 0	34 1	29 7	8 4	5 4	54 3	9 4	-31 4	200 3	7 1	31 6	30 0	41 0	-13 0	15 3	18 6	132 3	11 7
Nov	408 6	11 1	30 9	26 1	28 5	21 8	4 3	0 0	8 2	-37 4	200 3	13 0	29 2	43 1	41 0	-4 4	12 9	-4 4	124 2	8 4
Dec	403 2	14 3	31 6	45 0	28 6	33 6	4 2	7 7	8 5	-31 5	198 5	10 3	26 0	27 5	43 4	-6 3	14 7	6 5	118 7	14 6
2003 Jan	394 4	9 0	28 5	30 7	28 8	35 2	6 4	128 6	7 6	-38 7	196 5	9 3	27 4	52 2	43 4	3 6	18 3	12 3	114 5	3 3
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Jan-Jan02	361 8		21 8		21 3		2 8		12 4		179 8		18 0		41 9		16 3		110 8	
Jan-Jan03	394 4		28 5		28 8		6 4		7 6		196 5		27 4		43 4		18 3		114 5	
% Change	9 0		30 7		35 2		128 6		-38 7		9 3		52 2		3 6		12 3		3 3	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B ***B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)***

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291.4		100.6		275.2		113.9		700.4		112.6		164.3		121.4		101.3		1,675.9	
1994	1,352.4	4.7	99.1	-1.5	289.4	5.2	118.0	3.6	745.8	6.5	120.4	6.9	170.8	4.0	129.2	6.4	100.1	-1.2	1,754.0	4.7
1995	1,386.9	2.6	96.8	-2.3	299.8	3.6	117.9	-0.1	768.6	3.1	123.3	2.4	176.6	3.4	135.2	4.6	103.8	3.7	1,792.3	2.2
1996	1,411.0	1.7	99.1	2.4	294.3	-1.8	123.6	4.8	787.0	2.4	117.6	-4.6	183.4	3.9	142.8	5.6	107.0	3.1	1,821.2	1.6
1997	1,451.2	2.8	109.2	10.2	301.5	2.4	127.1	2.8	814.0	3.4	121.9	3.7	189.6	3.4	145.4	1.8	99.5	-7.0	1,869.0	2.6
1998	1,461.2	0.7	106.2	-2.7	294.3	-2.4	122.7	-3.5	845.2	3.8	120.2	-1.4	194.6	2.6	151.9	4.5	93.1	-6.4	1,870.2	0.1
1999	1,509.9	3.3	117.9	11.0	308.5	4.8	119.9	-2.3	873.0	3.3	127.5	6.1	195.2	0.3	152.7	0.5	90.4	-2.9	1,906.4	1.9
2000	1,534.7	1.6	114.4	-3.0	303.2	-1.7	119.5	-0.3	907.9	4.0	134.9	5.8	202.1	3.5	164.0	7.4	89.7	-0.8	1,949.1	2.2
2001	1,550.4	1.0	106.9	-6.6	309.5	2.1	116.2	-2.8	929.0	2.3	135.7	0.6	203.8	0.8	170.6	4.0	88.8	-1.0	1,942.4	-0.3
2002	1,574.4	1.5	110.1	3.0	319.0	3.1	118.9	2.3	941.8	1.4	139.7	2.9	217.3	6.6	171.0	0.2	84.7	-4.6	1,973.4	1.6
2002 Jan	1,537.8	1.2	103.6	-1.6	303.4	1.2	115.6	-5.9	931.9	3.0	145.1	3.6	215.3	10.9	168.7	2.4	83.4	-4.0	1,899.6	-0.1
Feb	1,537.9	0.0	106.1	0.2	304.2	3.3	111.7	-9.0	937.3	0.9	142.2	-1.5	210.2	11.6	174.4	-3.5	78.6	-9.7	1,903.7	-1.2
Mar	1,547.6	-0.3	101.6	-8.6	299.3	-2.2	110.0	-7.1	954.3	2.8	142.9	6.3	211.4	3.1	180.8	2.9	82.3	-6.1	1,920.6	-1.4
Apr	1,561.4	1.3	104.4	-3.6	317.1	6.4	108.2	-11.3	953.0	3.1	147.7	7.9	216.3	8.9	179.9	6.1	78.9	-11.0	1,938.1	0.1
May	1,571.7	-0.8	107.7	0.9	321.8	2.6	111.5	-5.7	948.7	0.0	139.7	0.9	213.6	1.9	178.7	1.0	82.1	-14.8	1,961.8	-1.2
Jun	1,604.6	1.7	112.4	5.3	320.0	5.0	118.9	-0.7	967.8	1.3	143.6	8.1	218.7	3.5	176.7	4.0	85.4	-6.7	2,010.7	1.3
Jul	1,598.3	2.0	115.8	7.5	328.2	6.6	118.8	2.9	945.5	0.0	119.4	5.9	222.4	4.3	179.8	0.6	90.0	-1.0	2,023.0	2.1
Aug	1,603.7	3.3	111.7	2.5	331.2	5.1	123.5	4.3	947.3	3.2	123.5	10.5	218.0	4.7	173.9	-1.3	90.0	-2.6	2,035.3	3.7
Sep	1,598.1	3.6	119.7	7.7	325.4	3.9	123.9	11.6	939.9	1.9	144.0	5.6	218.0	6.8	163.7	1.2	89.1	5.2	2,020.6	3.9
Oct	1,579.1	2.8	114.4	7.4	320.1	2.5	128.4	15.6	929.1	0.8	141.6	0.3	223.8	13.5	160.2	-2.7	87.0	3.6	2,002.5	4.1
Nov	1,579.4	2.0	111.0	4.2	324.5	-0.2	127.8	20.3	931.7	1.1	139.8	-6.8	220.9	8.8	161.1	2.7	84.4	-5.1	1,987.9	3.8
Dec	1,573.8	1.8	112.9	15.0	332.3	2.6	128.9	18.7	915.1	-1.6	147.2	-1.3	219.6	3.5	154.7	-9.8	84.8	-1.7	1,977.0	4.1
2003 Jan	1,550.0	0.8	114.1	10.1	320.7	5.7	128.4	11.1	904.7	-2.9	155.3	7.0	207.5	-3.6	156.4	-7.3	82.2	-1.4	1,944.5	2.4
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Jan-Jan02	1,537.8		103.6		303.4		115.6		931.9		145.1		215.3		168.7		83.4		1,899.6	
Jan-Jan03	1,550.0		114.1		320.7		128.4		904.7		155.3		207.5		156.4		82.2		1,944.5	
% Change	0.8		10.1		5.7		11.1		-2.9		7.0		-3.6		-7.3		-1.4		2.4	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5A ***B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED**

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		36.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
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Jan-Jan02	35.9		29.4		39.1		35.5		37.6		33.3	
Jan-Jan03	36.7		31.4		40.5		38.1		37.9		34.2	
% Change	2.2		6.8		3.6		7.3		0.8		2.7	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Public Administration	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	36.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	36.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-9.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-9.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
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Jan-Jan02	32.0		36.5		31.5		34.7		36.4		31.8		30.6		28.3		32.6		32.7	
Jan-Jan03	31.0		34.6		30.6		35.3		33.8		30.4		28.5		26.7		35.9		32.2	
% Change	-3.1		-5.2		-2.9		1.7		-7.1		-4.4		-6.9		-5.7		10.1		-1.5	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions and comments should be directed to Linda Coldwell at (250) 356-2328 or Linda.Coldwell@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

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Earnings & Employment Trends ◆ February 2003

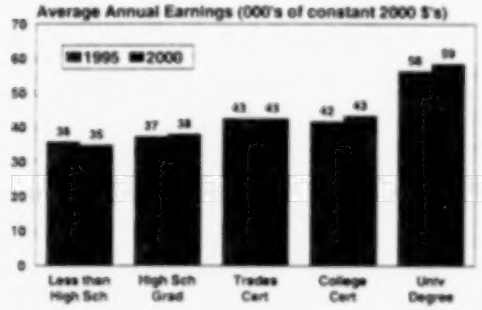
Earnings Trends:

The Value of Education

The 2001 Census data on earnings by education show that BC university graduates, who worked full-year/full-time[1] in 2000, earned an average of $58,545 compared to $34,857 for those without a high school diploma.

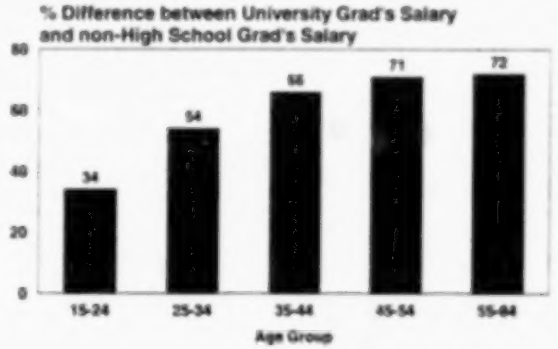
A comparison between the 2000 and 1995 earnings reveals that those without post- secondary credentials are falling farther and farther behind their co-workers. For example, in 1995, university graduates earned 58 per cent more than non-high school graduates. That gap had increased to 68 per cent by 2000.

University graduates saw an average increase of more than $3,000 per year between 1995 and 2000 while those without their high school graduation saw a decline in earnings of $1,000.



The gap in earnings between the educated and lesser- educated also increases over a working life. In the 15-24 year age group, university grads earn only 34 per cent more than their fellow workers who have not completed high school. But, by the last twenty years of their careers, the gap has increased to 71 per cent

Over a lifetime career, the University Grad sees regular salary increases while the non-High School Grad's increases are minimal. By the end of their careers, the University Grad is earning 72 per cent more than the non-High School Grad.



Youth are falling behind

Except among youth, age 15-24, all age groups earned more in 2000 compared to those in the same age group in 1995. Overall, youth's earnings declined by -1.1 per cent.

Only the young, age 15-24, saw a decline in earnings between 2000 and 1995.

[1] *The analysis in this article always refers to full-year/full-time workers.*

When the youth data are broken down by education levels, the decline in earnings were experienced only by those with less than high school (-2.5%) and those with high school completion only (-2.7%). Youth with completed post-secondary recorded moderate gains.

Women make gains

Between 1995 and 2000, women, in all age groups, fared considerably better than their male counterparts in improving their earning capacity. Overall, women working full-year and full-time saw an increase in earnings of 4.8 per cent compared to a 2.8 per cent increase among men.

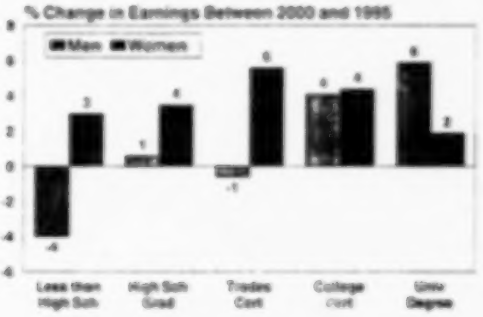
Females, working full-year/full-time, increased their earnings between 2000 and 1995 by 4.8% compared to an increase of only 2.8% for their male counterparts.

The reason for this can partially be explained by the shift in the types of jobs available in the economy between 1995 and 2000. For example, job-types that are relatively lucrative for men, such as the construction trades and primary industry occupations, were downsized whereas job types that are relatively lucrative for women, such as Health occupations, were expanded.

Another important explanation of why women's earnings increased by so much more than men's, is women bettered their level of education, relative to men, over the five-year period. While there were more post-secondary graduates from both genders in the workforce in 2001, women had increased their number of university graduates by 56,000 compared to an increase of 40,000 for men.

Where men lost in earning power relative to women was among the cohorts without college or university credentials. As was pointed out at the beginning of this article, only non-high school graduates experienced a decline in their earnings. But that was so only at the aggregate level. Women saw gains in earnings no matter what their level of education.

Women made their biggest earnings' gains, relative to men, in jobs that required lesser education.

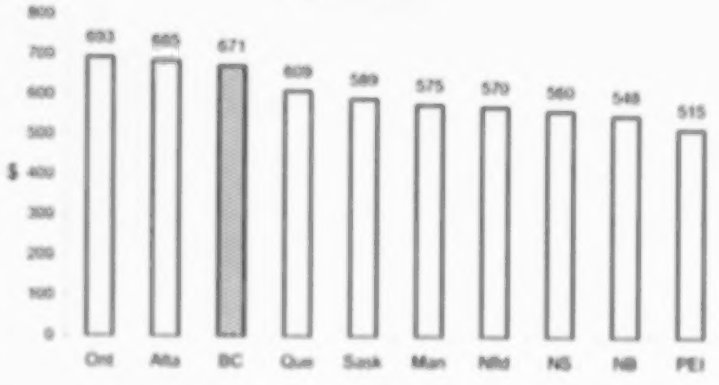


On the other hand, men without high school completion and with trades certificates, saw declines. As well, male high school graduates reported only minimal gains.

Good paying jobs for unskilled males are becoming more difficult to find, as brawn commands less of a salary premium in today's job market. Despite that, women without a high school diploma still earn only 69 per cent of what similarly educated men earn. *Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census*

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - February 2003

by Province



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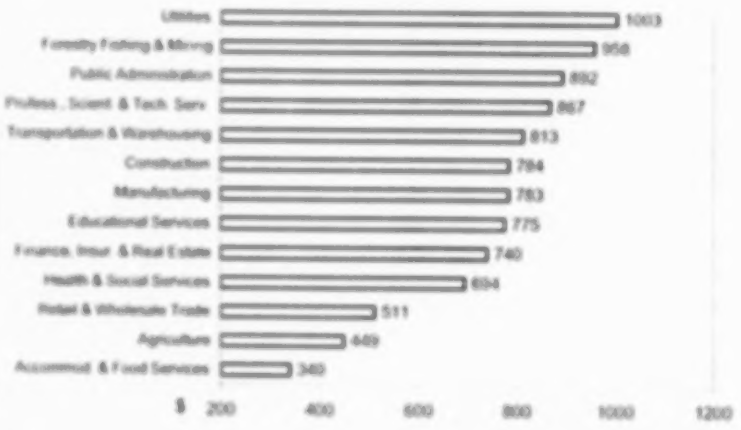

** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - February 2003

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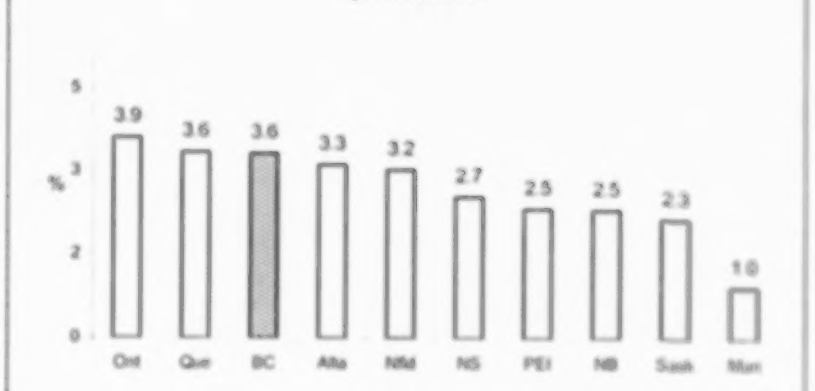

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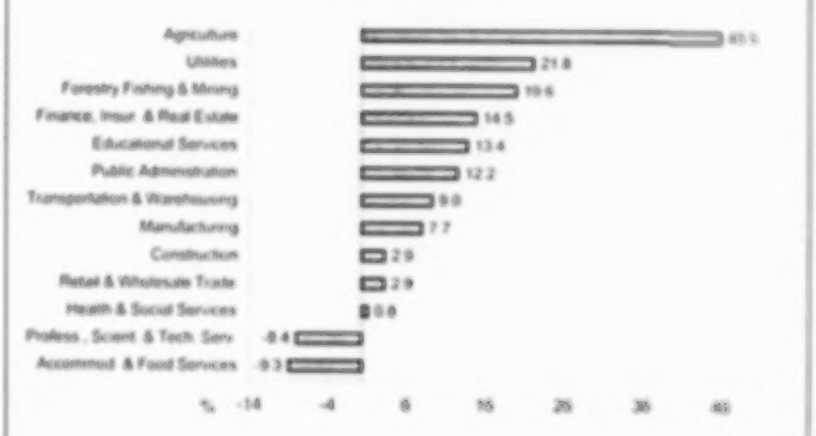

** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 ***SUMMARY TRENDS***

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.8			-0.2	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.2			-0.6	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.1			0.2	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			4.1			2.5	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.3	0.0	0.9	1.1	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	3.1	-0.3	0.6	0.3	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.9	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002 Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.6	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	3.5	-0.9	1.3	2.4	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.1	-0.8	0.9	1.6	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	7.7	5.7
Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	3.2	1.0	1.4	2.0	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.3	1.3	1.2	3.2	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.3	2.0	0.7	-0.1	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	2.8	1.7	0.0	1.0	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.3	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.3	1.8	-0.9	1.2	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.7	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	2.9	1.6	-2.2	0.6	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003 Jan	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.2	0.4	-2.2	0.6	2.5	3.1	1.3	8.2	7.4	5.7
Feb	3.2	4.6	3.0	3.5	2.1	3.7	0.3	-2.4	0.7	3.5	3.4	0.7	8.2	7.4	5.8
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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
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1997	572.16		610.70		560.83		501.32		508.22		604.32		546.45		487.77		479.56		440.62		492.78	
1998	579.89		618.35		573.15		508.24		515.55		611.13		555.93		496.06		494.60		446.17		490.61	
1999	595.62	2.7	625.22	1.1	593.60	3.6	524.90	3.3	530.97	3.0	633.05	3.6	565.83	1.8	504.70	1.7	503.35	1.8	462.02	3.6	495.79	1.1
2000	614.87	3.2	637.07	1.9	615.30	3.7	544.34	3.7	549.80	3.5	656.48	3.7	579.35	2.4	532.17	5.4	521.09	3.5	472.05	2.2	524.13	5.7
2001	634.30	3.2	645.70	1.4	651.14	5.8	572.13	5.1	559.28	1.7	678.12	3.3	595.09	2.7	536.18	0.8	540.89	3.8	496.51	5.2	550.29	5.0
2002	650.10	2.5	667.51	3.4	681.54	4.7	587.35	2.7	573.25	2.5	691.46	2.0	606.54	1.9	545.50	1.7	557.51	3.1	510.75	2.9	566.38	2.9
2002 Jan	644.11	3.1	656.05	2.4	662.97	4.6	583.46	4.5	562.28	-0.9	689.29	3.6	602.61	2.8	538.83	-1.8	544.99	1.3	513.39	4.9	556.22	4.1
Feb	645.24	2.8	656.21	2.0	674.86	4.6	582.74	3.3	562.23	0.7	689.61	3.0	601.5[illegible]	2.6	538.69	-0.8	547.91	2.2	504.66	3.9	553.20	3.0
Mar	647.71	2.7	663.44	2.0	682.08	6.4	581.70	3.6	566.56	1.0	691.17	2.6	601.71	2.3	543.06	-0.1	545.25	0.8	507.40	4.2	560.35	4.0
Apr	650.98	2.5	668.06	2.7	681.75	5.7	585.01	2.4	569.59	1.1	693.21	2.2	607.40	2.2	546.77	1.2	552.38	1.5	510.74	0.4	567.78	3.3
May	650.33	2.4	670.27	3.2	686.17	5.7	585.49	2.4	569.65	1.6	689.99	1.5	607.85	2.1	543.23	2.3	560.22	5.2	516.87	5.1	575.39	4.8
Jun	650.26	2.5	668.57	3.0	687.23	5.8	585.89	2.0	575.44	2.6	689.24	1.8	609.90	2.2	546.20	3.3	555.76	3.1	510.02	4.1	576.60	3.1
Jul	648.92	2.8	663.53	3.9	686.68	5.3	587.59	2.5	583.91	4.9	688.16	1.9	608.54	2.5	546.08	2.6	561.01	3.8	497.72	2.3	580.65	0.6
Aug	652.38	2.5	667.96	4.0	680.36	4.5	594.47	2.8	585.59	3.9	691.44	1.5	613.56	2.1	546.38	3.3	570.42	4.1	504.84	2.4	584.43	1.3
Sep	654.18	2.3	666.84	3.6	689.43	5.9	594.29	3.0	586.92	5.3	695.18	1.0	609.46	1.6	549.43	2.3	565.45	2.6	508.65	0.5	579.65	2.5
Oct	651.07	2.2	671.53	4.3	679.39	2.6	594.03	2.5	573.68	3.8	692.83	1.7	604.81	1.2	547.54	2.6	558.45	3.4	508.39	-1.1	585.79	3.0
Nov	653.97	2.5	679.18	4.2	686.50	3.6	597.49	1.4	569.42	2.5	695.48	2.0	606.48	1.6	545.35	2.2	560.84	4.1	517.21	0.6	582.67	2.7
Dec	651.35	1.6	676.45	5.1	681.19	1.7	585.02	0.4	572.51	3.2	691.79	1.0	603.64	-0.1	553.17	3.0	564.63	4.4	522.86	2.6	572.39	4.2
2003 Jan	658.15	2.2	679.52	3.6	685.97	3.5	591.72	1.4	569.86	1.3	697.88	1.2	616.43	2.3	556.22	3.2	562.11	3.1	527.80	2.8	577.57	3.8
Feb	658.93	2.1	679.14	3.5	689.76	2.2	599.15	2.8	577.67	2.7	699.38	1.4	613.76	2.0	553.87	2.8	560.51	2.3	541.95	7.8	571.13	3.3
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Jan-Feb02	644.68		656.13		668.92		583.10		562.26		689.65		602.07		538.76		546.45		509.93		556.71	
Jan-Feb03	658.54		679.33		687.87		595.44		573.77		698.63		615.10		555.05		561.31		534.88		574.36	
% Change	2.2		3.5		2.8		2.1		2.0		1.3		2.2		3.0		2.7		5.1		3.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada *Labour Force Survey*

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
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1997	15.56		16.87		14.76		13.50		13.80		16.31		15.30		12.89		12.87		11.78		13.08	
1998	15.75		17.10		15.14		13.71		14.00		16.45		15.45		13.09		13.20		11.92		12.98	
1999	16.14	2.5	17.26	0.9	15.75	4.0	14.17	3.4	14.44	3.1	16.98	3.2	15.70	1.6	13.30	1.6	13.41	1.6	12.23	2.6	13.02	0.3
2000	16.64	3.1	17.59	1.9	16.26	3.2	14.70	3.7	14.93	3.4	17.58	3.5	16.07	2.4	13.97	5.0	13.94	4.0	12.58	2.9	13.69	5.1
2001	17.18	3.2	17.93	1.9	17.07	5.0	15.36	4.5	15.27	2.3	18.16	3.3	16.59	3.2	14.16	1.4	14.45	3.7	13.22	5.1	14.32	4.6
2002	17.66	2.8	18.58	3.6	17.94	5.1	15.87	3.3	15.69	2.8	18.56	2.2	16.97	2.3	14.42	1.8	14.80	2.4	13.62	3.0	14.81	3.4
2002 Jan	17.61	3.2	18.33	3.1	17.61	5.3	15.76	4.6	15.42	-2.3	18.61	3.7	16.98	2.9	14.49	-0.3	14.76	0.5	14.18	5.1	14.90	4.9
Feb	17.66	3.1	18.46	3.7	17.78	5.5	15.81	3.6	15.51	0.1	18.66	3.2	16.92	2.3	14.55	-0.1	14.82	1.7	13.97	3.3	14.87	3.6
Mar	17.69	3.1	18.50	2.8	18.09	7.5	15.90	4.7	15.62	0.8	18.62	2.8	16.94	2.5	14.58	1.0	14.66	0.5	14.04	4.7	15.02	4.1
Apr	17.73	2.7	18.60	3.1	18.13	5.8	15.90	2.8	15.65	0.6	18.61	2.4	17.07	2.6	14.57	1.2	14.76	1.1	14.00	4.5	15.03	3.5
May	17.61	2.4	18.58	2.7	17.96	5.2	15.82	3.1	15.63	2.6	18.48	1.9	16.97	2.0	14.32	2.4	14.67	3.2	13.53	4.2	14.85	4.6
Jun	17.56	2.8	18.44	2.5	18.01	6.1	15.81	3.1	15.81	4.2	18.46	2.4	16.87	1.9	14.23	3.0	14.58	2.4	13.19	3.5	14.63	3.5
Jul	17.38	2.9	18.31	3.6	17.78	5.3	15.70	3.4	15.72	5.9	18.26	1.9	16.71	2.8	14.22	3.0	14.58	2.9	12.87	2.5	13.91	2.1
Aug	17.44	2.9	18.28	3.9	17.68	5.2	15.76	4.0	15.74	4.9	18.31	1.8	16.86	2.7	14.16	2.9	14.78	3.6	13.02	3.2	14.19	2.2
Sep	17.77	2.8	18.62	3.7	18.17	6.1	15.97	3.2	15.93	5.3	18.67	1.9	17.07	2.1	14.43	2.3	15.04	2.8	13.47	2.8	14.99	3.6
Oct	17.76	2.7	18.78	4.3	18.03	3.6	16.03	3.0	15.75	4.7	18.64	2.0	17.09	2.3	14.50	2.9	14.89	2.5	13.49	0.1	15.21	2.6
Nov	17.84	2.6	18.99	4.6	18.03	3.6	15.97	2.0	15.70	3.2	18.73	1.9	17.09	2.2	14.48	1.8	15.05	3.4	13.83	0.2	15.19	2.8
Dec	17.83	2.1	19.04	5.4	18.00	2.3	16.00	2.2	15.76	3.1	18.66	0.9	17.12	1.5	14.64	1.8	15.06	4.3	14.28	2.9	15.17	4.5
2003 Jan	18.02	2.3	19.14	4.4	18.11	2.8	16.34	3.7	15.79	2.4	18.85	1.3	17.38	2.4	14.80	2.1	15.26	3.4	14.58	2.8	15.51	4.1
Feb	18.09	2.4	19.13	3.6	18.20	2.4	16.37	3.5	15.92	2.6	18.94	1.5	17.42	3.0	14.84	2.0	15.33	3.4	14.95	7.0	15.37	3.4
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Jan-Feb02	17.64		18.40		17.70		15.79		15.47		18.64		16.95		14.52		14.79		14.08		14.89	
Jan-Feb03	18.06		19.14		18.16		16.36		15.86		18.90		17.40		14.82		15.30		14.77		15.44	
% Change	2.4		4.0		2.6		3.6		2.5		1.4		2.7		2.1		3.4		4.9		3.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857.5		1,675.9		1,294.8		450.8		506.5		4,973.8		3,039.9		301.5		367.9		54.4		191.9	
1994	13,111.7	2.0	1,754.0	4.7	1,331.6	2.8	455.7	1.1	509.5	0.6	5,039.2	1.3	3,100.6	2.0	300.2	-0.4	373.3	1.5	55.4	1.8	192.2	0.2
1995	13,356.9	1.9	1,792.3	2.2	1,369.3	2.8	459.4	0.8	519.0	1.9	5,130.6	1.8	3,147.5	1.5	309.9	3.2	377.1	1.0	57.3	3.4	194.3	1.1
1996	13,462.6	0.8	1,821.2	1.6	1,408.4	2.9	457.5	-0.4	518.6	-0.1	5,180.8	1.0	3,145.9	-0.1	306.2	-1.2	378.1	0.3	58.9	2.8	187.0	-3.8
1997	13,774.4	2.3	1,869.0	2.6	1,457.9	3.5	470.0	2.7	525.6	1.3	5,313.4	2.6	3,195.1	1.6	310.7	1.5	384.3	1.6	59.2	0.5	189.3	1.2
1998	14,140.4	2.7	1,870.2	0.1	1,515.4	3.9	476.3	1.3	535.7	1.9	5,490.0	3.3	3,281.5	2.7	317.8	2.3	398.9	3.8	60.4	2.0	194.2	2.6
1999	14,531.2	2.8	1,906.4	1.9	1,553.3	2.5	480.1	0.8	542.7	1.3	5,688.1	3.6	3,357.4	2.3	328.4	3.3	408.6	2.4	61.3	1.5	204.9	5.5
2000	14,909.7	2.6	1,949.1	2.2	1,588.2	2.2	485.0	1.0	554.4	2.2	5,872.1	3.2	3,437.7	2.4	334.4	1.8	419.5	2.7	64.5	5.2	204.6	-0.1
2001	15,076.8	1.1	1,942.4	-0.3	1,632.1	2.8	472.4	-2.6	557.9	0.6	5,962.7	1.5	3,474.5	1.1	334.4	0.0	423.3	0.9	65.9	2.2	211.3	3.3
2002	15,411.8	2.2	1,973.4	1.6	1,673.8	2.6	482.0	2.0	567.0	1.6	6,068.0	1.8	3,592.7	3.4	345.6	3.3	428.4	1.2	67.1	1.8	213.9	1.2
2002 Jan	14,796.7	0.8	1,899.6	-0.1	1,627.3	2.3	458.7	-2.4	553.7	1.6	5,863.3	0.2	3,407.5	1.7	321.4	0.2	410.0	2.3	59.7	1.0	195.5	2.4
Feb	14,860.2	0.9	1,903.7	-1.2	1,623.3	1.2	464.9	0.2	551.2	0.8	5,892.5	1.0	3,441.1	1.9	321.7	2.7	406.4	-0.1	60.6	0.3	194.8	1.9
Mar	14,980.1	1.5	1,920.6	-1.4	1,639.3	2.6	465.7	-0.2	559.6	2.1	5,914.1	1.1	3,483.6	2.9	326.8	5.6	410.1	1.4	61.5	0.7	198.8	3.0
Apr	15,095.1	1.5	1,938.1	0.1	1,631.6	1.5	464.3	-0.2	557.0	1.4	5,953.9	0.7	3,534.7	3.7	331.3	4.2	415.5	1.8	64.0	5.4	204.7	3.2
May	15,469.0	1.6	1,961.8	-1.2	1,670.0	1.3	486.1	2.3	568.9	1.3	6,076.7	0.8	3,634.6	4.4	349.2	3.8	434.9	3.1	70.2	1.6	216.5	0.1
Jun	15,723.9	2.2	2,010.7	1.3	1,698.8	1.7	494.3	2.7	580.6	2.6	6,128.5	1.1	3,707.2	4.5	360.3	2.9	441.2	1.8	72.7	0.1	229.5	1.3
Jul	15,810.9	2.3	2,023.0	2.1	1,718.7	3.6	494.2	1.5	576.9	2.5	6,154.5	1.3	3,724.1	3.8	364.2	3.2	442.5	-0.5	72.3	0.1	240.7	3.2
Aug	15,850.2	2.8	2,035.3	3.7	1,716.6	3.6	496.4	1.2	574.3	2.1	6,223.7	2.3	3,682.1	3.3	367.8	3.1	447.3	1.5	74.0	2.6	232.8	1.9
Sep	15,613.4	2.9	2,020.6	3.9	1,680.4	2.3	493.7	4.1	573.5	1.7	6,122.3	2.9	3,636.5	3.1	359.6	4.1	434.1	1.0	71.7	3.9	221.0	0.6
Oct	15,613.3	3.1	2,002.5	4.1	1,681.6	2.6	492.2	4.7	571.4	1.1	6,157.2	3.2	3,636.3	3.2	354.3	3.0	434.6	0.0	69.0	2.4	214.3	-1.2
Nov	15,580.4	3.3	1,987.9	3.8	1,698.0	3.7	489.0	5.3	567.9	1.0	6,175.3	3.3	3,606.0	3.6	348.8	3.9	432.2	0.8	65.1	1.6	210.2	-1.1
Dec	15,548.8	3.7	1,977.0	4.1	1,700.6	4.2	484.2	5.4	569.0	1.4	6,153.7	3.3	3,618.7	4.8	341.9	3.7	431.6	1.5	64.0	2.6	208.1	-0.3
2003 Jan	15,266.3	3.2	1,944.5	2.4	1,667.5	2.5	475.5	3.7	555.4	0.3	6,080.7	3.7	3,534.3	3.7	329.7	2.6	417.7	1.9	61.4	2.8	199.6	2.1
Feb	15,375.7	3.5	1,971.3	3.6	1,677.4	3.3	475.5	2.3	556.6	1.0	6,120.1	3.9	3,564.4	3.6	329.6	2.5	417.4	2.7	62.1	2.5	201.1	3.2
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Jan-Feb02	14,828.5		1,901.7		1,625.3		461.8		552.5		5,877.9		3,424.3		321.6		408.2		60.2		195.2	
Jan-Feb03	15,321.0		1,957.9		1,672.5		475.5		556.0		6,100.4		3,549.4		329.7		417.6		61.8		200.4	
% Change	3.3		3.0		2.9		3.0		0.6		3.8		3.7		2.5		2.3		2.7		2.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
Feb	33.9	-0.3	32.7	0.0	35.0	0.6	33.0	-3.8	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-0.3	33.1	-0.6	34.4	0.0	32.9	-2.9	32.7	-0.3	32.9	-1.5
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Jan-Feb02	34.1		32.7		35.1		34.2		34.0		34.7		33.3		34.7		33.9		32.8		33.5	
Jan-Feb03	34.0		32.5		35.3		33.0		33.6		34.6		33.3		34.6		33.3		33.2		33.6	
% Change	-0.3		-0.8		0.4		-3.5		-1.0		-0.3		-0.2		-0.1		-1.6		1.2		0.1	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1993									377.6		1,194.9					
	1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
	1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
	1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
	1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
	1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
	1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002	Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
	Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
	Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
	Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
	May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
	Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
	Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
	Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
	Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
	Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	28.2	-1.7
	Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
	Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003	Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
	Feb	805.91	-0.9	647.82	4.7	20.40	-1.3	18.81	4.8	402.5	10.0	1,568.8	2.0	37.5	3.6	31.5	-0.9
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Jan-Feb02		806.27		620.96		20.43		17.92		363.8		1,537.9		36.1		31.9	
Jan-Feb03		810.35		647.27		20.59		18.78		398.5		1,559.4		37.1		31.3	
% Change		0.5		4.2		0.8		4.8		9.5		1.4		2.9		-2.0	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2A

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.93		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		448.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-8.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.4
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	792.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	784.81	-0.7	763.38	-3.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	434.51	-16.5	955.64	2.5	1002.61	12.3	797.68	-2.3	821.55	3.7
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Average:												
Jan-Feb02	806.27		505.00		941.84		883.36		802.83		792.10	
Jan-Feb03	810.35		423.88		961.11		1026.51		804.20		815.13	
% Change	0.5		-16.1		2.0		16.2		0.2		2.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		698.91		488.36		588.80		729.15		737.44		602.04		315.19		785.62		610.70	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		618.35	
1999	590.55	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	318.19	-3.0	790.98	3.3	625.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.81	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.88	0.3	765.18	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.1	813.52	2.8	637.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.16	1.3	645.70	1.4
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	667.51	3.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.8	803.66	6.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.8	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	656.05	2.4
Feb	618.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	699.41	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	656.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.84	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	903.14	6.6	663.44	2.0
Apr	634.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.8	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	668.06	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.63	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	8.1	670.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	9.4	814.77	2.4	756.27	1.1	690.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	668.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.18	7.4	815.94	4.7	792.86	4.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	663.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	667.96	4.0
Sep	644.44	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	754.89	-0.2	703.96	6.6	315.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	668.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	8.4	900.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	685.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.70	10.1	671.53	4.3
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.82	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.88	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.31	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	678.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	792.04	6.8	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.82	5.7	777.88	4.8	695.21	4.9	346.98	32.7	916.22	6.0	676.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	761.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.10	3.3	679.52	3.6
Feb	647.82	4.7	860.36	10.0	517.40	10.1	729.63	4.3	902.73	8.3	733.93	-2.5	683.32	2.8	350.31	9.0	892.05	-1.4	679.14	3.5
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Jan-Feb02	620.96		768.60		479.02		677.61		818.50		758.34		670.69		326.32		883.50		656.13	
Jan-Feb03	647.27		839.80		519.32		731.48		909.95		747.95		688.93		344.17		891.08		679.33	
% Change	4.2		9.3		8.4		8.0		11.2		-1.4		2.7		5.5		0.9		3.5	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
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1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.41		23.58		18.46		17.80	
1998	18.96		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.59	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.81	0.3	19.22	1.7	19.98	5.8
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.6	19.82	3.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-3.7	22.39	-8.0	23.27	-4.1	19.78	2.3	20.93	5.3
Feb	20.66	4.5	13.48	8.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-6.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.44	4.3
Apr	20.44	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.00	-4.5	20.09	4.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	26.46	3.4	19.82	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.66	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.85	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.99	-0.6
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.18	2.4	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-13.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.81	-2.6
Sep	19.44	-1.0	10.70	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.4	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.88	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.8	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.19	-0.3	11.74	1.2	23.37	0.9	26.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.42	4.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
Feb	20.40	-1.3	12.24	-9.2	23.47	8.9	26.71	12.9	20.15	-2.9	20.65	-0.3
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Jan-Feb02	20.43		12.89		21.98		23.46		20.27		20.83	
Jan-Feb03	20.59		12.33		23.45		27.13		20.38		20.69	
% Change	0.8		-4.3		6.7		15.6		0.5		-0.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
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1996																				
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.87	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.58	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.44	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.78	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
Feb	18.81	4.8	21.57	7.2	15.02	9.3	20.27	6.7	24.02	10.2	23.63	-0.5	21.37	4.8	11.35	3.5	23.96	-1.0	19.13	3.6
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Jan-Feb02	17.92		19.76		14.01		18.46		21.45		23.67		20.56		10.89		23.78		18.40	
Jan-Feb03	18.78		21.19		15.07		20.17		24.15		23.91		21.51		11.39		24.05		19.14	
% Change	4.8		7.2		7.5		9.3		12.6		1.0		4.6		4.6		1.1		4.0	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384.5		34.3		25.8		6.3		12.3		179.2		22.2		49.2		21.6		114.2	
1994	401.6	4.4	30.7	-10.5	30.7	19.0	6.2	-1.6	12.0	-2.4	183.7	2.5	26.8	20.7	49.7	1.0	21.0	-2.8	125.6	10.0
1995	405.4	0.9	25.6	-16.6	36.3	18.2	4.5	-27.4	14.2	18.3	188.7	2.7	22.1	-17.5	43.4	-12.7	23.8	13.3	125.1	-0.4
1996	410.2	1.2	30.1	17.6	32.1	-11.6	5.1	13.3	17.5	23.2	195.1	3.4	24.4	10.4	43.8	0.9	22.9	-3.8	119.5	-4.5
1997	417.8	1.9	33.2	10.3	32.6	1.6	5.4	5.9	16.5	-5.7	197.0	1.0	25.5	4.5	44.8	2.3	22.9	0.0	122.9	2.8
1998	408.9	-2.1	33.1	-0.3	29.8	-8.6	3.5	-35.2	17.3	4.8	196.0	-0.5	25.8	1.2	43.6	-2.7	22.5	-1.7	117.7	-4.2
1999	396.5	-3.0	28.6	-13.6	30.2	1.3	4.0	14.3	14.8	-14.5	192.2	-1.9	21.7	-15.9	42.0	-3.7	22.3	-0.9	115.3	-2.0
2000	414.4	4.5	29.7	3.8	37.1	22.8	4.8	20.0	13.4	-9.5	205.4	6.9	23.7	9.2	46.5	10.7	17.7	-20.6	112.5	-2.4
2001	392.0	-5.4	25.9	-12.8	26.1	-29.6	5.4	12.5	11.8	-11.9	196.2	-4.5	26.2	10.5	49.5	6.5	15.0	-15.3	114.9	2.1
2002	399.0	1.8	30.1	16.2	25.9	-0.8	3.3	-38.9	9.7	-17.8	196.9	0.4	27.0	3.1	44.7	-9.7	16.7	11.3	120.6	5.0
2002 Jan	361.8	-5.1	21.8	5.8	21.3	-29.5	2.8	12.0	12.4	-1.6	179.8	-13.5	18.0	-33.6	41.9	-18.2	16.3	30.4	110.8	13.9
Feb	365.8	-5.5	20.9	-19.0	23.9	-18.4	1.7	-58.5	11.6	9.4	186.9	-6.3	21.5	-17.3	47.1	-11.8	17.6	23.9	109.7	2.1
Mar	373.0	-5.8	23.4	-11.0	25.0	3.3	2.1	-76.4	11.2	10.9	191.5	-6.0	20.2	-31.5	50.3	-7.2	21.1	45.5	107.5	-4.4
Apr	376.6	-4.7	24.9	-7.8	22.0	3.8	2.5	-66.7	9.3	13.4	194.8	-4.5	20.0	-30.6	48.4	-1.4	19.0	20.3	111.9	-2.0
May	390.1	-3.1	29.1	19.8	24.2	-0.8	2.3	-71.3	8.8	-12.9	192.1	-5.0	22.4	-24.3	48.3	-4.4	19.4	9.0	119.6	-0.6
Jun	406.2	0.0	32.8	28.6	23.1	-2.5	2.6	-60.0	9.6	-18.6	202.7	0.0	28.7	-5.3	44.8	-5.9	18.1	-3.2	121.7	-1.2
Jul	424.7	2.6	35.0	24.1	26.2	-7.4	3.0	-49.2	10.5	-5.4	207.5	4.8	32.9	30.0	45.1	-12.9	16.7	-6.7	129.8	0.2
Aug	431.6	5.2	38.4	18.5	28.5	-5.9	4.9	-3.9	8.2	-34.9	206.4	5.0	34.7	23.9	44.0	-12.5	14.0	-12.5	133.2	10.6
Sep	422.5	5.1	37.3	30.4	29.8	1.0	4.1	-6.8	8.8	-39.7	202.4	3.2	36.7	49.8	40.8	-17.2	15.5	21.1	127.9	9.3
Oct	423.4	9.1	35.0	34.1	29.7	8.4	5.4	54.3	9.4	-31.4	200.3	7.1	31.6	30.0	41.0	-13.0	15.3	18.6	132.3	11.7
Nov	408.6	11.1	30.9	26.1	28.5	21.8	4.3	0.0	8.2	-37.4	200.3	13.0	29.2	43.1	41.0	-4.4	12.9	-4.4	124.2	8.4
Dec	403.2	14.3	31.6	45.0	28.6	33.6	4.2	7.7	8.5	-31.5	198.5	10.3	26.0	27.5	43.4	-6.3	14.7	6.5	118.7	14.6
2003 Jan	394.4	9.0	28.5	30.7	28.8	35.2	6.4	128.6	7.6	-38.7	196.5	9.3	27.4	52.2	43.4	3.6	18.3	12.3	114.5	3.3
Feb	402.5	10.0	30.4	45.5	28.3	18.4	4.0	135.3	12.2	5.2	201.2	7.7	28.9	34.4	49.9	5.9	15.8	-10.2	112.9	2.9
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Jan-Feb02	363.8		21.4		22.6		2.3		12.0		183.4		19.8		44.5		17.0		110.3	
Jan-Feb03	398.5		29.5		28.6		5.2		9.9		198.9		28.2		46.7		17.1		113.7	
% Change	9.5		37.9		26.3		131.1		-17.5		8.5		42.5		4.8		0.6		3.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291.4		100.6		275.2		113.9		700.4		112.6		164.3		121.4		101.3		1,675.9	
1994	1,352.4	4.7	99.1	-1.5	289.4	5.2	118.0	3.6	745.8	6.5	120.4	6.9	170.8	4.0	129.2	6.4	100.1	-1.2	1,754.0	4.7
1995	1,386.9	2.6	96.8	-2.3	299.8	3.6	117.9	-0.1	768.6	3.1	123.3	2.4	176.6	3.4	135.2	4.6	103.8	3.7	1,792.3	2.2
1996	1,411.0	1.7	99.1	2.4	294.3	-1.8	123.6	4.8	787.0	2.4	117.6	-4.6	183.4	3.9	142.8	5.6	107.0	3.1	1,821.2	1.6
1997	1,451.2	2.8	109.2	10.2	301.5	2.4	127.1	2.8	814.0	3.4	121.9	3.7	189.6	3.4	145.4	1.8	99.5	-7.0	1,869.0	2.6
1998	1,461.2	0.7	106.2	-2.7	294.3	-2.4	122.7	-3.5	845.2	3.8	120.2	-1.4	194.6	2.6	151.9	4.5	93.1	-6.4	1,870.2	0.1
1999	1,509.9	3.3	117.9	11.0	308.5	4.8	119.9	-2.3	873.0	3.3	127.5	6.1	195.2	0.3	152.7	0.5	90.4	-2.9	1,906.4	1.9
2000	1,534.7	1.6	114.4	-3.0	303.2	-1.7	119.5	-0.3	907.9	4.0	134.9	5.8	202.1	3.5	164.0	7.4	89.7	-0.8	1,949.1	2.2
2001	1,550.4	1.0	106.9	-6.6	309.5	2.1	116.2	-2.8	929.0	2.3	135.7	0.6	203.8	0.8	170.6	4.0	88.8	-1.0	1,942.4	-0.3
2002	1,574.4	1.5	110.1	3.0	319.0	3.1	118.9	2.3	941.8	1.4	139.7	2.9	217.3	6.6	171.0	0.2	84.7	-4.6	1,973.4	1.6
2002 Jan	1,537.8	1.2	103.6	-1.6	303.4	1.2	115.6	-5.9	931.9	3.0	145.1	3.6	215.3	10.9	168.7	2.4	83.4	-4.0	1,899.6	-0.1
Feb	1,537.9	0.0	106.1	0.2	304.2	3.3	111.7	-9.0	937.3	0.9	142.2	-1.5	210.2	11.6	174.4	-3.5	78.6	-9.7	1,903.7	-1.2
Mar	1,547.6	-0.3	101.6	-8.6	299.3	-2.2	110.0	-7.1	954.3	2.8	142.9	6.3	211.4	3.1	180.8	2.9	82.3	-6.1	1,920.6	-1.4
Apr	1,561.4	1.3	104.4	-3.6	317.1	6.4	108.2	-11.3	953.0	3.1	147.7	7.9	216.3	8.9	179.9	6.1	78.9	-11.0	1,938.1	0.1
May	1,571.7	-0.8	107.7	0.9	321.8	2.6	111.5	-5.7	948.7	0.0	139.7	0.9	213.6	1.9	178.7	1.0	82.1	-14.8	1,961.8	-1.2
Jun	1,604.6	1.7	112.4	5.3	320.0	5.0	118.9	-0.7	967.8	1.3	143.6	8.1	218.7	3.5	176.7	4.0	85.4	-6.7	2,010.7	1.3
Jul	1,598.3	2.0	115.8	7.5	328.2	6.6	118.8	2.9	945.5	0.0	119.4	5.9	222.4	4.3	179.8	0.6	90.0	-1.0	2,023.0	2.1
Aug	1,603.7	3.3	111.7	2.5	331.2	5.1	123.5	4.3	947.3	3.2	123.5	10.5	218.0	4.7	173.9	-1.3	90.0	-2.6	2,035.3	3.7
Sep	1,598.1	3.6	119.7	7.7	325.4	3.9	123.9	11.6	939.9	1.9	144.0	5.6	218.0	6.8	163.7	1.2	89.1	5.2	2,020.6	3.9
Oct	1,579.1	2.8	114.4	7.4	320.1	2.5	128.4	15.6	929.1	0.8	141.6	0.3	223.8	13.5	160.2	-2.7	87.0	3.6	2,002.5	4.1
Nov	1,579.4	2.0	111.0	4.2	324.5	-0.2	127.8	20.3	931.7	1.1	139.8	-6.8	220.9	8.8	161.1	2.7	84.4	-5.1	1,987.9	3.8
Dec	1,573.8	1.8	112.9	15.0	332.3	2.6	128.9	18.7	915.1	-1.6	147.2	-1.3	219.6	3.5	154.7	-9.8	84.8	-1.7	1,977.0	4.1
2003 Jan	1,550.0	0.8	114.1	10.1	320.7	5.7	128.4	11.1	904.7	-2.9	155.3	7.0	207.5	-3.6	156.4	-7.3	82.2	-1.4	1,944.5	2.4
Feb	1,568.8	2.0	115.6	9.0	312.9	2.9	127.9	14.5	924.2	-1.4	161.3	13.4	211.8	0.8	158.1	-9.3	88.2	12.2	1,971.3	3.6
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Jan-Feb02	1,537.9		104.9		303.8		113.7		934.6		143.7		212.8		171.6		81.0		1,901.7	
Jan-Feb03	1,559.4		114.9		316.8		128.2		914.5		158.3		209.7		157.3		85.2		1,957.9	
% Change	1.4		9.5		4.3		12.8		-2.2		10.2		-1.5		-8.3		5.2		3.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		38.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
Feb	37.5	3.6	33.8	16.6	42.3	4.7	37.2	10.1	37.9	1.1	35.9	5.3
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Jan-Feb02	36.1		29.2		39.8		34.7		37.6		33.7	
Jan-Feb03	37.1		32.6		41.4		37.7		37.9		35.1	
% Change	2.9		11.6		4.2		8.7		0.9		4.0	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	35.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	35.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-8.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-8.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
Feb	31.5	-0.9	34.7	0.3	30.9	-2.2	34.8	-3.9	35.7	1.1	30.2	-2.6	28.9	-2.4	28.1	-2.4	35.3	1.7	32.7	0.0
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Jan-Feb02	31.9		35.6		31.6		35.5		35.9		31.4		30.1		28.6		33.7		32.7	
Jan-Feb03	31.3		34.7		30.8		35.1		34.8		30.3		28.7		27.4		35.6		32.5	
% Change	-2.0		-2.5		-2.5		-1.1		-3.1		-3.5		-4.7		-4.0		5.8		-0.8	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions and comments should be directed to Linda Coldwell at (250) 356-2328 or Linda.Coldwell@gems3.gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the refer .nce week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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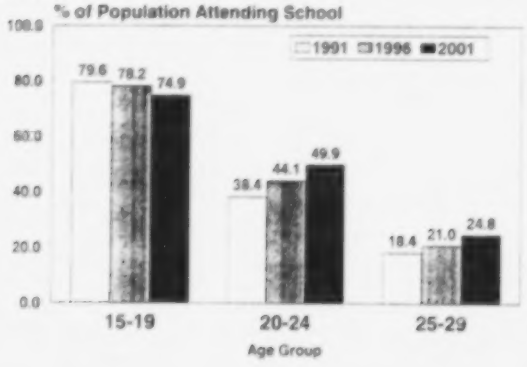
Are youth staying at school longer?

The Census of Canada asks the respondent *"In the past nine months (that is, since last September), was this person attending a school, college or university?"*

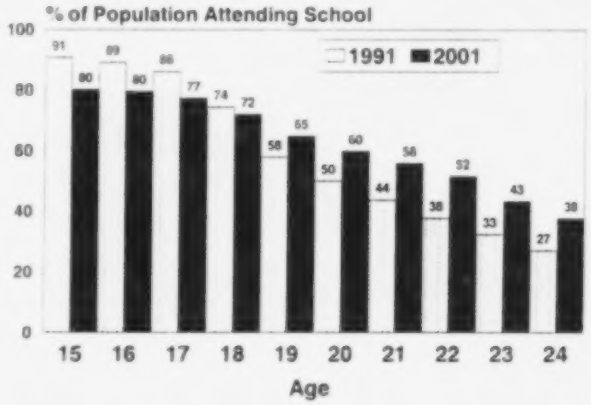
Since 1991, the proportion of the 20-24 year old BC population attending school has risen dramatically from 38 to 50 per cent. This large increase shows a continuation of the trend seen through the 80's -- in 1981, only 28 per cent of 20-24 year olds were attending school. All age groups older than 20 to 24 have shown increases in participation in education, but none as dramatic as the 20-24 year olds.

In recent years, teenagers have been less inclined to stay in school than they were 10 years ago. However, youth in their twenties have gone the other way and have increased their school attendance over the 90's.



However, the story is different for the 15-19 year olds. It appears as though the 15, 16 and 17 year olds have significantly decreased their attendance at school. Eighty per cent of 15 and 16 year olds were in school sometime between September 2000 and May, 2001, which means that one in five of them were not in school at any time in the 2000/2001 school year.

Among the 15-18 year olds, the age when one would usually be working towards a high school certificate, the school participation has declined over the decade.

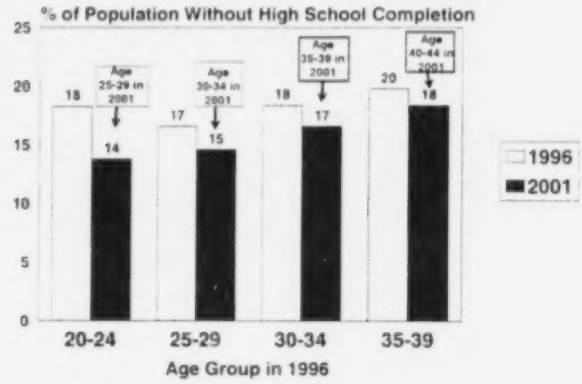


Is this significant decline in the 15-18 year olds' participation in school alarming? In reality, the school participation by high school age students fluctuates over time, often driven by job opportunities in the local economy – the more jobs available, the more likely they will drop-out, at least for a while.

However, an increase in job opportunities did not seem to apply between 1991 and 2001. In fact, the job market was worse in 2001 -- the unemployment rate among the 15-19 year olds was actually higher by 3 percentage points than in 1991 (18% vs 15%). Under such circumstances, one would expect a higher school participation in 2001 over 1991.

It could just be that youth of today are postponing their high school education in their teenage years but will return to school in their 20's to catch up. There is certainly evidence that this does occur.

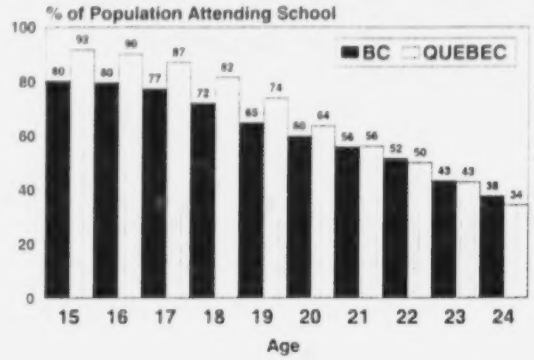
The proportion of the population without high school completion decreases among the same age cohort, 5 years later .



For example, in 1996, 18 per cent of those age 20-24 had not completed their high school and five years later, in 2001, among the same group (they are now age 25-29), only 14 per cent had not completed high school. In other words, 4 per cent of the 2001 population between the ages of 25-29 had managed to get their high school completion in the previous five years[1]. If the pattern seen in the chart above of non-high school grads returning to complete their high school in their thirties, we can expect that among those aged 20-24 in 2001, less than 10 per cent will not have completed their high school by the time they are 40.

How does BC's school attendance compare to the other provinces?

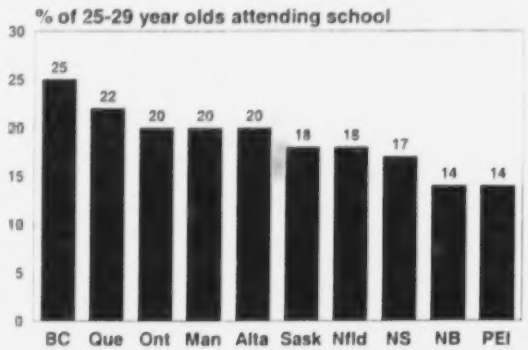
In 2001, Quebec's teenagers stand out as having the highest school attendance record in the country.



Quebec's school attendance far exceeds BC's in the teenage years but then their rates are similar among the 21-24 year olds. On the other hand, Ontario and BC's profile is very similar up until the age of 17 and then BC's youth fall behind for the next 5 years. The province that is surprising is Alberta. Their school attendance among 15-24 year olds was one of the lowest in the country in 2001.

Where BC makes up ground in school attendance is among the 25-29 year olds. Their school participation rate far exceeds all other provinces.

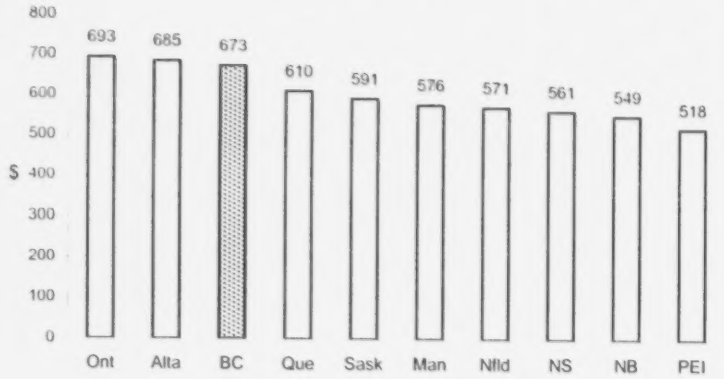
Where BC stands out is that so many of the post-youth population continue to attend school. One in four of BC's 25-29 year olds, was in school in 2000/2001



[1] *These figures assume no difference in the education profile of the in/out migrants and the resident population.*

Average Weekly Wage Rate* - March 2003

by Province



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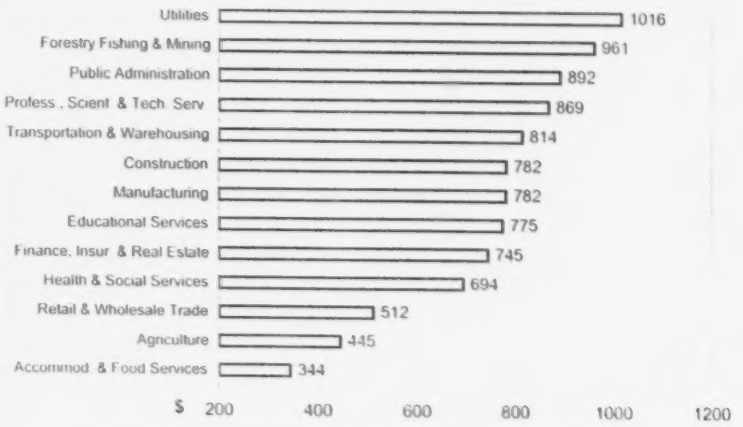
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Finance, Insur & Real Estate 745
Health & Social Services 694
Retail & Wholesale Trade 512
Agriculture 445
Accommod & Food Services 344
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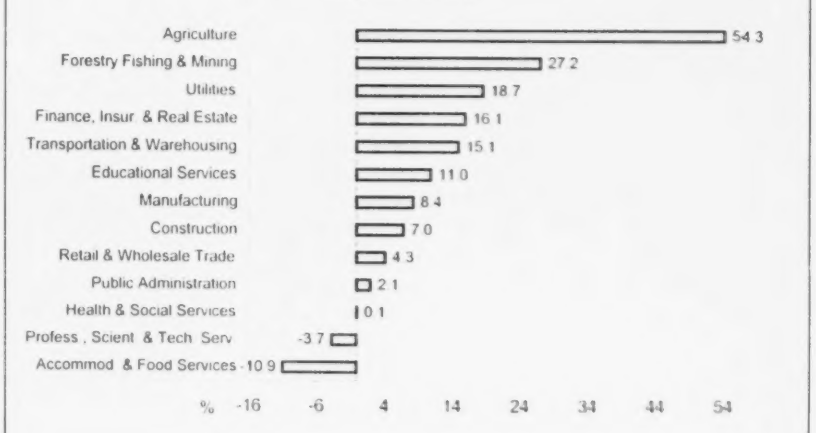
** Latest 12 month average*

Employment Growth* - March 2003

by Province

by Industry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Manufacturing 8 4
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Retail & Wholesale Trade 4 3
Public Administration 2 1
Health & Social Services 0 1
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Accommod & Food Services -10 9
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** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

1 SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1993	3.5	1.8	3.0			2.8			-0.2	3.4	0.8	1.5	9.7	11.4	6.9
1994	1.9	0.2	2.6			3.3			0.6	4.7	2.0	2.3	9.0	10.4	6.1
1995	2.3	2.2	2.8			2.2			-0.6	2.2	1.9	1.5	8.4	9.4	5.6
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.1			0.2	1.6	0.8	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.6	2.3	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6			4.1			2.5	0.1	2.7	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.7	3.3	0.0	0.9	1.1	1.9	2.8	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.9	3.2	3.9	0.0	0.5	0.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	7.2	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	3.1	-0.3	0.6	0.3	-0.3	1.1	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.8
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4	2.5	2.9	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.6	2.2	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2002 Jan	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	3.1	2.9	1.6	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.8	-1.5	8.8	7.9	5.6
Feb	2.9	1.5	1.1	2.0	2.8	3.5	-0.9	1.3	2.4	-1.0	0.9	-0.9	8.7	7.8	5.6
Mar	2.9	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.7	3.1	-0.8	0.9	1.6	-1.4	1.4	-1.2	9.0	7.7	5.7
Apr	2.3	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.1	1.5	-0.8	8.7	7.6	5.9
May	2.2	1.0	1.2	3.2	2.4	3.2	1.0	1.4	2.0	-1.3	1.6	-0.4	9.5	7.7	5.8
Jun	1.6	1.3	1.1	3.0	2.5	4.3	1.3	1.2	3.2	1.3	2.2	-0.4	8.7	7.5	5.8
Jul	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	2.8	1.3	2.0	0.7	-0.1	2.1	2.3	-0.5	8.2	7.6	5.8
Aug	2.2	2.6	1.8	4.0	2.5	2.8	1.7	0.0	1.0	3.7	2.8	0.4	7.7	7.5	5.8
Sep	1.8	2.3	1.5	3.6	2.3	3.3	1.8	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.0	0.3	8.2	7.7	5.7
Oct	2.5	3.2	2.0	4.3	2.2	3.3	1.8	-0.9	1.2	4.2	3.1	0.5	8.3	7.6	5.8
Nov	3.5	4.3	2.2	4.2	2.5	3.0	0.7	-1.8	0.7	3.8	3.3	0.2	8.5	7.5	5.9
Dec	3.5	3.9	2.4	5.1	1.6	2.9	1.6	-2.2	0.6	4.1	3.7	0.3	8.4	7.5	6.0
2003 Jan	3.1	4.5	2.6	3.6	2.2	3.2	0.4	-2.2	0.6	2.5	3.1	1.3	8.2	7.4	5.7
Feb	3.2	4.6	3.0	3.5	2.1	3.7	0.3	-2.4	0.7	3.5	3.4	0.7	8.2	7.4	5.8
Mar	3.4	4.3	3.0	2.8	1.6	4.3	-0.6	-2.6	1.2	3.8	2.9	0.9	7.7	7.3	5.8
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Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																						
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1997	572.16		610.70		560.83		501.32		508.22		604.32		548.45		487.77		479.56		440.42		492.79	
1998	579.89		618.35		573.15		508.24		515.55		611.13		555.93		496.06		494.60		446.17		490.40	
1999	595.62	2.7	625.22	1.1	593.60	3.6	524.90	3.3	530.97	3.0	633.05	3.6	565.83	1.8	504.70	1.7	503.35	1.8	462.02	3.6	495.79	1.1
2000	614.87	3.2	637.07	1.9	615.30	3.7	544.34	3.7	549.80	3.5	656.48	3.7	579.35	2.4	532.17	5.4	521.09	3.5	472.06	2.2	524.13	5.7
2001	634.30	3.2	645.70	1.4	651.14	5.8	572.13	5.1	559.28	1.7	678.12	3.3	595.09	2.7	536.18	0.8	540.89	3.8	496.51	5.2	550.29	5.0
2002	650.10	2.5	667.51	3.4	681.54	4.7	587.35	2.7	573.25	2.5	691.46	2.0	606.54	1.9	545.50	1.7	557.51	3.1	510.75	2.9	566.36	2.9
2002 Jan	644.11	3.1	656.05	2.4	662.97	4.6	583.46	4.5	562.28	-0.9	689.28	3.6	602.61	2.8	538.83	-1.8	544.99	1.3	513.39	4.8	556.22	4.1
Feb	645.24	2.8	656.21	2.0	674.86	4.6	582.74	3.3	562.23	0.7	689.61	3.0	601.53	2.6	538.69	-0.8	547.91	2.2	504.46	3.9	553.20	3.0
Mar	647.71	2.7	663.44	2.0	682.08	6.4	581.70	3.6	566.56	1.0	691.17	2.6	601.71	2.3	543.06	-0.1	545.25	0.8	507.40	4.2	560.35	4.8
Apr	650.90	2.5	668.06	2.7	681.75	5.7	585.01	2.4	569.59	1.1	693.21	2.2	607.40	2.2	546.77	1.2	552.38	1.5	519.74	6.4	567.78	3.3
May	650.33	2.4	670.27	3.2	686.17	5.7	585.49	2.4	569.65	1.6	689.99	1.5	607.85	2.1	543.23	2.3	560.22	5.2	516.87	5.1	575.39	4.8
Jun	650.36	2.5	668.57	3.0	687.23	5.8	585.89	2.0	575.44	2.6	689.24	1.8	609.90	2.2	546.20	3.3	555.76	3.1	510.02	4.1	574.80	3.1
Jul	648.92	2.8	663.53	3.9	686.68	5.3	587.59	2.5	583.91	4.9	688.16	1.9	608.54	2.5	546.08	2.6	561.01	3.8	497.72	2.3	540.65	-0.4
Aug	652.38	2.5	667.96	4.0	680.36	4.5	594.47	3.8	585.59	3.9	691.44	1.5	613.56	2.1	546.38	3.3	570.42	4.1	504.84	2.4	554.43	1.3
Sep	654.18	2.3	668.84	3.6	689.43	5.9	594.29	3.0	586.92	5.3	695.18	1.0	609.46	1.6	549.43	2.3	565.45	2.6	508.66	0.5	574.05	2.5
Oct	651.07	2.2	671.53	4.3	679.38	2.6	594.03	2.5	573.68	3.8	692.83	1.7	604.81	1.2	547.54	2.6	558.45	3.4	508.39	-1.1	585.79	3.0
Nov	653.97	2.5	678.18	4.2	685.50	3.6	587.49	1.4	569.42	2.5	695.48	2.0	606.48	1.6	545.35	2.2	560.84	4.1	517.21	0.4	582.87	2.7
Dec	651.35	1.6	676.45	5.1	681.19	1.7	585.02	0.4	572.51	3.2	691.78	1.0	603.64	-0.1	553.17	3.0	564.63	4.4	522.86	2.4	572.38	4.2
2003 Jan	658.15	2.2	679.52	3.6	685.97	3.5	591.72	1.4	569.86	1.3	697.88	1.2	616.43	2.3	556.22	3.2	562.11	3.1	527.80	2.8	577.57	3.8
Feb	658.93	2.1	679.14	3.5	689.76	2.2	599.15	2.8	577.67	2.7	699.38	1.4	613.76	2.0	553.87	2.8	560.51	2.3	541.96	7.4	571.19	3.3
Mar	658.12	1.6	682.00	2.8	686.10	0.6	602.81	3.6	580.87	2.5	694.25	0.4	617.22	2.6	557.75	2.7	565.92	3.8	541.72	6.8	571.99	2.1
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Jan-Mar02	645.69		658.57		673.30		582.63		563.69		690.02		601.95		540.19		546.05		508.42		556.59	
Jan-Mar03	658.40		680.22		687.28		597.89		576.13		697.17		615.80		555.95		562.85		537.16		573.58	
% Change	2.0		3.3		2.1		2.6		2.2		1.0		2.3		2.9		3.1		5.7		3.1	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
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1997	15.56		16.87		14.76		13.50		13.80		16.31		15.30		12.89		12.87		11.78		13.08	
1998	15.75		17.10		15.14		13.71		14.00		16.45		15.45		13.09		13.20		11.92		12.98	
1999	16.14	2.5	17.26	0.9	15.75	4.0	14.17	3.4	14.44	3.1	16.98	3.2	15.70	1.6	13.30	1.6	13.41	1.6	12.23	2.6	13.02	0.3
2000	16.64	3.1	17.59	1.9	16.26	3.2	14.70	3.7	14.93	3.4	17.58	3.5	16.07	2.4	13.97	5.0	13.94	4.0	12.58	2.9	13.69	5.1
2001	17.18	3.2	17.93	1.9	17.07	5.0	15.36	4.5	15.27	2.3	18.16	3.3	16.59	3.2	14.16	1.4	14.45	3.7	13.22	5.1	14.32	4.6
2002	17.66	2.8	18.58	3.6	17.94	5.1	15.87	3.3	15.69	2.8	18.56	2.2	16.97	2.3	14.42	1.8	14.80	2.4	13.62	3.0	14.81	3.4
2002 Jan	17.61	3.2	18.33	3.1	17.61	5.3	15.76	4.6	15.42	-2.3	18.61	3.7	16.98	2.9	14.49	-0.3	14.76	0.5	14.18	5.1	14.90	4.9
Feb	17.66	3.1	18.46	3.7	17.78	5.5	15.81	3.6	15.51	0.1	18.66	3.2	16.92	2.3	14.55	-0.1	14.82	1.7	13.97	3.3	14.87	3.6
Mar	17.69	3.1	18.50	2.8	18.09	7.5	15.90	4.7	15.62	0.8	18.62	2.8	16.94	2.5	14.58	1.0	14.66	0.5	14.04	4.7	15.02	4.1
Apr	17.73	2.7	18.60	3.1	18.13	5.8	15.90	2.8	15.65	0.6	18.61	2.4	17.07	2.6	14.57	1.2	14.76	1.1	14.00	4.5	15.03	3.5
May	17.61	2.4	18.58	2.7	17.96	5.2	15.82	3.1	15.63	2.6	18.48	1.9	16.97	2.0	14.32	2.4	14.67	3.2	13.53	4.2	14.85	4.6
Jun	17.56	2.8	18.44	2.5	18.01	6.1	15.81	3.1	15.81	4.2	18.46	2.4	16.87	1.9	14.23	3.0	14.58	2.4	13.19	3.5	14.63	3.5
Jul	17.38	2.9	18.31	3.6	17.78	5.3	15.70	3.4	15.72	5.9	18.26	1.9	16.71	2.8	14.22	3.0	14.58	2.9	12.87	2.5	13.91	2.1
Aug	17.44	2.9	18.28	3.9	17.68	5.2	15.76	4.0	15.74	4.9	18.31	1.8	16.86	2.7	14.16	2.9	14.78	3.6	13.02	3.2	14.19	2.2
Sep	17.77	2.8	18.62	3.7	18.17	6.1	15.97	3.2	15.93	5.3	18.67	1.9	17.07	2.1	14.43	2.3	15.04	2.8	13.47	2.8	14.99	3.6
Oct	17.76	2.7	18.78	4.3	18.03	3.6	16.03	3.0	15.75	4.7	18.64	2.0	17.09	2.3	14.50	2.9	14.89	2.5	13.49	0.1	15.21	2.6
Nov	17.84	2.6	18.99	4.6	18.03	3.6	15.97	2.0	15.70	3.2	18.73	1.9	17.09	2.2	14.48	1.8	15.05	3.4	13.83	0.2	15.19	2.8
Dec	17.83	2.1	19.04	5.4	18.00	2.3	16.00	2.2	15.76	3.1	18.66	0.9	17.12	1.5	14.64	1.8	15.06	4.3	14.28	2.9	15.17	4.5
2003 Jan	18.02	2.3	19.14	4.4	18.11	2.8	16.34	3.7	15.79	2.4	18.85	1.3	17.38	2.4	14.80	2.1	15.26	3.4	14.58	2.8	15.51	4.1
Feb	18.09	2.4	19.13	3.6	18.20	2.4	16.37	3.5	15.92	2.6	18.94	1.5	17.42	3.0	14.84	2.0	15.33	3.4	14.95	7.0	15.37	3.4
Mar	18.04	2.0	19.09	3.2	18.11	0.1	16.38	3.0	16.06	2.8	18.81	1.0	17.47	3.1	14.89	2.1	15.40	5.0	14.90	6.1	15.46	2.9
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Jan-Mar02	17.65		18.43		17.83		15.82		15.52		18.63		16.95		14.54		14.75		14.06		14.93	
Jan-Mar03	18.05		19.12		18.14		16.36		15.92		18.87		17.42		14.84		15.33		14.81		15.45	
% Change	2.2		3.7		1.8		3.4		2.6		1.3		2.8		2.1		4.0		5.3		3.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	12,857.5		1,675.9		1,294.8		450.8		506.5		4,973.8		3,039.9		301.5		367.9		54.4		191.9	
1994	13,111.7	2.0	1,754.0	4.7	1,331.6	2.8	455.7	1.1	509.5	0.6	5,039.2	1.3	3,100.6	2.0	300.2	-0.4	373.3	1.5	55.4	1.8	192.2	0.2
1995	13,356.9	1.9	1,792.3	2.2	1,369.3	2.8	459.4	0.8	519.0	1.9	5,130.6	1.8	3,147.5	1.5	309.9	3.2	377.1	1.0	57.3	3.4	194.3	1.1
1996	13,462.6	0.8	1,821.2	1.6	1,408.4	2.9	457.5	-0.4	518.6	-0.1	5,180.8	1.0	3,145.9	-0.1	306.2	-1.2	378.1	0.3	58.9	2.8	187.0	-3.8
1997	13,774.4	2.3	1,869.0	2.6	1,457.9	3.5	470.0	2.7	525.6	1.3	5,313.4	2.6	3,195.1	1.6	310.7	1.5	384.3	1.6	59.2	0.5	189.3	1.2
1998	14,140.4	2.7	1,870.2	0.1	1,515.4	3.9	476.3	1.3	535.7	1.9	5,490.0	3.3	3,281.5	2.7	317.8	2.3	398.9	3.8	60.4	2.0	194.2	2.6
1999	14,531.2	2.8	1,906.4	1.9	1,553.3	2.5	480.1	0.8	542.7	1.3	5,688.1	3.6	3,357.4	2.3	328.4	3.3	408.6	2.4	61.3	1.5	204.9	5.5
2000	14,909.7	2.6	1,949.1	2.2	1,588.2	2.2	485.0	1.0	554.4	2.2	5,872.1	3.2	3,437.7	2.4	334.4	1.8	419.5	2.7	64.5	5.2	204.6	-0.1
2001	15,076.8	1.1	1,942.4	-0.3	1,632.1	2.8	472.4	-2.6	557.9	0.6	5,962.7	1.5	3,474.5	1.1	334.4	0.0	423.3	0.9	65.9	2.2	211.3	3.3
2002	15,411.8	2.2	1,973.4	1.6	1,673.8	2.6	482.0	2.0	567.0	1.6	6,068.0	1.8	3,592.7	3.4	345.6	3.3	428.4	1.2	67.1	1.8	213.9	1.2
2002 Jan	14,796.7	0.8	1,899.6	-0.1	1,627.3	2.3	458.7	-2.4	553.7	1.6	5,863.3	0.2	3,407.5	1.7	321.4	0.2	410.0	2.3	59.7	1.0	195.5	2.4
Feb	14,860.2	0.9	1,903.7	-1.2	1,623.3	1.2	464.9	0.2	551.2	0.8	5,892.5	1.0	3,441.1	1.9	321.7	2.7	406.4	-0.1	60.6	0.3	194.8	1.9
Mar	14,980.1	1.5	1,920.6	-1.4	1,639.3	2.6	465.7	-0.2	559.6	2.1	5,914.1	1.1	3,483.6	2.9	326.8	5.6	410.1	1.4	61.5	0.7	198.8	3.0
Apr	15,095.1	1.5	1,938.1	0.1	1,631.6	1.5	464.3	-0.2	557.0	1.4	5,953.9	0.7	3,534.7	3.7	331.3	4.2	415.5	1.8	64.0	5.4	204.7	3.2
May	15,469.0	1.6	1,961.8	-1.2	1,670.0	1.3	486.1	2.3	568.9	1.3	6,076.7	0.8	3,634.6	4.4	349.2	3.8	434.9	3.1	70.2	1.6	216.5	0.1
Jun	15,723.9	2.2	2,010.7	1.3	1,698.8	1.7	494.3	2.7	580.6	2.6	6,128.5	1.1	3,707.2	4.5	360.3	2.9	441.2	1.8	72.7	0.1	229.5	1.3
Jul	15,810.9	2.3	2,023.0	2.1	1,718.7	3.6	494.2	1.5	576.9	2.5	6,154.5	1.3	3,724.1	3.8	364.2	3.2	442.5	-0.5	72.3	0.1	240.7	3.2
Aug	15,850.2	2.8	2,035.3	3.7	1,716.6	3.6	496.4	1.2	574.3	2.1	6,223.7	2.3	3,682.1	3.3	367.8	3.1	447.3	1.5	74.0	2.6	232.8	1.9
Sep	15,613.4	2.9	2,020.6	3.9	1,680.4	2.3	493.7	4.1	573.5	1.7	6,122.3	2.9	3,636.5	3.1	359.6	4.1	434.1	1.0	71.7	3.9	221.0	0.6
Oct	15,613.3	3.1	2,002.5	4.1	1,681.6	2.6	492.2	4.7	571.4	1.1	6,157.2	3.2	3,636.3	3.2	354.3	3.0	434.6	0.0	69.0	2.4	214.3	-1.2
Nov	15,580.4	3.3	1,987.9	3.8	1,698.0	3.7	489.0	5.3	567.9	1.0	6,175.3	3.3	3,606.0	3.6	348.8	3.9	432.2	0.8	65.1	1.6	210.2	-1.1
Dec	15,548.8	3.7	1,977.0	4.1	1,700.6	4.2	484.2	5.4	569.0	1.4	6,153.7	3.3	3,618.7	4.8	341.9	3.7	431.6	1.5	64.0	2.6	208.1	-0.3
2003 Jan	15,266.3	3.2	1,944.5	2.4	1,667.5	2.5	475.5	3.7	555.4	0.3	6,080.7	3.7	3,534.3	3.7	329.7	2.6	417.7	1.9	61.4	2.8	199.6	2.1
Feb	15,375.7	3.5	1,971.3	3.6	1,677.4	3.3	475.5	2.3	556.6	1.0	6,120.1	3.9	3,564.4	3.6	329.6	2.5	417.4	2.7	62.1	2.5	201.1	3.2
Mar	15,424.0	3.0	1,998.2	4.0	1,680.2	2.5	477.1	2.4	559.7	0.0	6,134.7	3.7	3,557.9	2.1	331.4	1.4	419.9	2.4	62.3	1.3	202.6	1.9
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Jan-Mar02	14,879.0		1,908.0		1,630.0		463.1		554.8		5,890.0		3,444.1		323.3		408.8		60.6		196.4	
Jan-Mar03	15,355.3		1,971.3		1,675.0		476.0		557.2		6,111.8		3,552.2		330.2		418.3		61.9		201.1	
% Change	3.2		3.3		2.8		2.8		0.4		3.8		3.1		2.1		2.3		2.2		2.4	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	33.8		33.2		34.9		35.1		33.7		33.9		33.2		34.3		33.6		33.8		32.8	
1994	34.2	1.2	33.2	0.0	35.6	2.0	35.6	1.4	34.1	1.2	34.3	1.2	33.9	2.1	35.0	2.0	34.0	1.2	34.7	2.7	33.2	1.2
1995	34.0	-0.6	33.1	-0.3	35.3	-0.8	35.3	-0.8	33.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.5	-1.2	34.8	-0.6	33.8	-0.6	34.9	0.6	33.3	0.3
1996	34.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	35.7	1.1	35.8	1.4	34.3	1.2	34.4	1.2	33.4	-0.3	35.0	0.6	34.0	0.6	35.5	1.7	33.8	1.5
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.3	35.8	0.3	35.7	-0.3	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.0	0.0	34.1	0.3	35.3	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3	34.7	-1.7	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	34.9	0.3	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.6	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.9	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.3	2.5	35.7	2.3	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.8	0.6	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.5	1.4	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.3	35.6	-0.3	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.7	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.0	-1.4	34.6	-1.1
2002	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-0.6	34.7	-2.5	34.1	-1.7	33.2	-2.4	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.5	-0.6	33.3	-1.5	34.6	-1.1	34.2	-1.2
2002 Jan	34.1	-1.4	32.7	-1.8	35.4	-1.7	34.1	-0.3	34.1	0.0	34.7	-1.4	33.3	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	33.8	0.6	32.8	-4.9	33.6	-3.4
Feb	34.0	-1.7	32.7	-1.8	34.8	-3.6	34.3	1.2	33.8	0.0	34.6	-1.7	33.3	-1.8	34.4	-0.6	33.9	0.0	32.8	-0.3	33.4	0.9
Mar	33.4	-1.5	32.9	-2.4	35.7	-3.5	34.6	-0.9	34.1	-0.6	32.7	-0.6	33.6	-1.5	34.4	-1.1	31.7	-1.2	32.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.3
Apr	34.7	5.5	33.1	6.8	35.8	5.6	35.3	9.0	34.7	4.2	35.2	3.5	34.2	8.6	35.1	5.7	34.1	3.0	34.6	6.5	34.6	9.8
May	34.9	-1.1	33.4	0.9	35.9	-1.9	37.4	-0.8	34.6	-2.8	35.1	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	35.8	0.0	34.9	-2.2	37.9	1.1	35.6	-2.5
Jun	35.2	-0.6	33.4	0.3	36.2	-1.9	35.7	-2.2	34.6	-2.3	35.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	36.2	-1.1	35.7	-1.4	38.7	2.7	37.5	-1.3
Jul	31.0	-0.3	31.4	1.0	33.4	-2.1	32.6	-1.2	31.5	-0.6	32.2	-1.8	26.4	1.5	33.5	0.9	33.0	2.2	34.8	-1.7	33.7	-1.5
Aug	31.4	-2.5	30.6	2.0	31.9	-7.5	31.9	-7.8	30.5	-6.7	32.1	-1.2	30.3	-2.9	33.2	-0.6	31.9	-1.2	34.4	-0.6	32.1	-1.8
Sep	34.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	36.3	-0.8	36.3	-0.5	35.1	-2.2	35.3	-0.3	34.2	-0.9	36.4	1.1	35.1	-1.1	36.6	-3.2	35.4	-2.5
Oct	30.5	-1.6	29.0	-1.4	32.5	-1.5	31.8	-3.3	30.9	-2.2	30.7	-1.0	29.5	-2.6	32.3	-3.0	30.8	-4.0	32.8	-3.5	32.3	-1.5
Nov	33.0	-4.6	29.3	-9.3	32.9	-9.9	30.9	-12.7	30.4	-13.6	34.6	-0.9	33.4	-2.1	32.5	-7.7	31.0	-9.6	31.8	-8.9	32.7	-7.1
Dec	34.5	-0.6	32.1	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	34.3	-1.4	35.1	0.0	34.2	0.9	35.4	0.0	34.0	-3.1	34.0	-2.9	34.8	-0.6
2003 Jan	34.0	-0.3	32.2	-1.5	35.5	0.3	33.0	-3.2	33.7	-1.2	34.6	-0.3	33.4	0.3	34.8	-0.3	33.7	-0.3	33.7	2.7	34.2	1.8
Feb	33.9	-0.3	32.7	0.0	35.0	0.6	33.0	-3.8	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-0.3	33.1	-0.6	34.4	0.0	32.9	-2.9	32.7	-0.3	32.9	-1.5
Mar	33.0	-1.2	32.8	-0.3	35.8	0.3	34.3	-0.9	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-1.8	33.2	-1.2	34.9	1.5	31.0	-2.2	33.4	1.8	33.4	-1.8
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Average:																						
Jan-Mar02	33.8		32.8		35.3		34.3		34.0		34.0		33.4		34.6		33.1		32.8		33.7	
Jan-Mar03	33.6		32.6		35.4		33.4		33.7		33.7		33.2		34.7		32.5		33.3		33.5	
% Change	-0.6		-0.6		0.4		-2.6		-1.0		-0.8		-0.5		0.4		-1.8		1.4		-0.5	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1993									377.6		1,194.9					
	1994									372.0	-1.5	1,248.3	4.5				
	1995									384.5	3.4	1,291.4	3.5				
	1996									401.6	4.4	1,352.4	4.7				
	1997	731.22		577.55		18.49		16.43		417.8	4.0	1,451.2	7.3	36.3		32.0	
	1998	752.32		581.06		18.96		16.58		408.9	-2.1	1,461.2	0.7	36.0		31.5	
	1999	760.87	1.1	590.55	1.6	19.16	1.1	16.77	1.1	396.5	-3.0	1,509.9	3.3	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.47	0.5	603.71	2.2	19.25	0.5	17.15	2.3	414.4	4.5	1,534.7	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	781.71	2.3	612.24	1.4	19.62	1.9	17.51	2.1	392.0	-5.4	1,550.4	1.0	36.2	-1.9	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.15	0.7	637.75	4.2	19.89	1.4	18.25	4.2	399.0	1.8	1,574.4	1.5	35.8	-1.1	31.0	-0.6
2002	Jan	798.95	1.3	623.16	3.0	20.19	1.2	17.90	3.8	361.8	-5.1	1,537.8	1.2	35.9	-2.7	32.0	-0.9
	Feb	813.58	2.4	618.75	2.1	20.66	4.5	17.94	3.6	365.8	-5.5	1,537.9	0.0	36.2	-2.9	31.8	-1.5
	Mar	821.68	3.2	625.82	1.9	20.74	4.9	17.97	2.3	373.0	-5.8	1,547.6	-0.3	36.2	-3.5	32.0	-2.4
	Apr	809.16	4.3	634.44	2.5	20.44	4.6	18.16	2.8	376.6	-4.7	1,561.4	1.3	36.5	9.0	32.3	6.6
	May	805.43	5.3	637.07	2.7	20.17	4.0	18.18	2.4	390.1	-3.1	1,571.7	-0.8	38.0	1.1	32.3	0.9
	Jun	778.65	1.0	641.44	3.6	19.66	2.0	18.13	2.7	406.2	0.0	1,604.6	1.7	37.9	-0.8	32.3	0.6
	Jul	754.75	-1.4	639.21	5.6	19.00	0.1	18.12	4.5	424.7	2.6	1,598.3	2.0	36.2	-2.4	30.2	2.4
	Aug	759.65	-0.5	643.66	5.3	19.02	0.3	18.08	4.9	431.6	5.2	1,603.7	3.3	36.3	3.4	29.1	1.7
	Sep	761.58	-3.2	644.44	5.6	19.44	-1.0	18.40	5.0	422.5	5.1	1,598.1	3.6	37.1	-0.3	31.9	0.3
	Oct	771.16	-1.3	645.20	5.8	19.45	-1.8	18.61	5.9	423.4	9.1	1,579.1	2.8	31.9	-0.6	28.2	-1.7
	Nov	792.49	-1.1	650.00	5.5	20.11	-1.0	18.71	5.9	408.6	11.1	1,579.4	2.0	32.0	-11.1	28.6	-8.9
	Dec	793.99	-0.2	648.12	6.3	20.19	-0.3	18.76	6.7	403.2	14.3	1,573.8	1.8	36.1	-0.8	31.1	-2.5
2003	Jan	814.79	2.0	646.72	3.8	20.77	2.9	18.74	4.7	394.4	9.0	1,550.0	0.8	36.7	2.2	31.0	-3.1
	Feb	805.91	-0.9	647.82	4.7	20.40	-1.3	18.81	4.8	402.5	10.0	1,568.8	2.0	37.5	3.6	31.5	-0.9
	Mar	811.45	-1.2	648.86	3.7	20.46	-1.4	18.73	4.2	421.8	13.1	1,576.4	1.9	37.5	3.6	31.5	-1.6
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Jan-Mar02		811.40		622.58		20.53		17.94		366.9		1,541.1		36.1		31.9	
Jan-Mar03		810.72		647.80		20.54		18.76		406.2		1,565.1		37.2		31.3	
% Change		-0.1		4.1		0.1		4.6		10.7		1.6		3.1		-1.9	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2A **B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE**

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	731.22		420.13		894.78		891.93		732.70		683.52	
1998	752.32		448.40		899.96		966.88		745.78		726.71	
1999	760.87	1.1	523.44	16.7	943.85	4.9	912.70	-5.6	752.92	1.0	703.72	-3.2
2000	764.47	0.5	444.25	-15.1	945.25	0.1	952.39	4.3	747.87	-0.7	735.53	4.5
2001	781.71	2.3	463.87	4.4	978.77	3.5	948.30	-0.4	760.11	1.6	789.31	7.3
2002	787.15	0.7	455.60	-1.8	954.17	-2.5	981.35	3.5	782.35	2.9	777.95	-1.4
2002 Jan	798.95	1.3	489.49	4.1	951.45	-6.3	874.00	-3.9	789.33	4.5	792.22	-1.2
Feb	813.58	2.4	520.51	5.0	932.22	-7.2	892.72	0.4	816.32	6.3	791.98	-2.7
Mar	821.68	3.2	515.04	0.4	955.68	-6.8	926.92	1.2	813.03	4.9	826.41	2.7
Apr	809.16	4.3	512.53	4.2	973.68	-0.5	898.32	-5.6	793.99	3.8	828.50	6.3
May	805.43	5.3	495.66	6.0	966.76	5.3	1024.55	5.5	787.18	5.9	822.50	4.3
Jun	778.65	1.0	429.50	-9.7	959.57	-4.4	1050.06	7.2	759.60	3.3	793.75	1.3
Jul	754.75	-1.4	435.51	1.8	915.05	-4.6	1043.49	4.0	741.36	-0.6	767.59	0.1
Aug	759.65	-0.5	424.72	-8.8	974.60	1.6	964.34	-8.7	761.27	3.9	745.14	-3.4
Sep	761.58	-3.2	431.45	-7.9	889.21	-7.3	965.12	2.6	782.18	2.7	730.42	-9.6
Oct	771.16	-1.3	452.04	4.7	949.72	-1.5	1010.51	9.3	769.78	-0.2	751.67	-1.9
Nov	792.49	-1.1	414.55	0.7	1000.89	-1.4	1091.60	19.4	784.81	-0.7	763.38	-3.9
Dec	793.99	-0.2	426.26	-3.2	987.40	3.9	1007.75	15.2	797.85	1.2	752.46	-6.2
2003 Jan	814.79	2.0	413.24	-15.6	966.58	1.6	1050.41	20.2	810.72	2.7	808.70	2.1
Feb	805.91	-0.9	434.51	-16.5	955.64	2.5	1002.61	12.3	797.68	-2.3	821.55	3.7
Mar	811.45	-1.2	472.28	-8.3	996.15	4.2	1080.61	16.6	794.78	-2.2	803.35	-2.8
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Average:												
Jan-Mar02	811.40		508.35		946.45		897.88		806.23		803.54	
Jan-Mar03	810.72		440.01		972.79		1044.54		801.06		811.20	
% Change	-0.1		-13.4		2.8		16.3		-0.6		1.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	577.55		698.91		488.36		588.80		729.15		737.44		602.04		315.19		785.62		610.70	
1998	581.06		719.69		480.92		628.57		748.58		723.86		609.43		327.95		765.87		618.35	
1999	590.55	1.6	732.75	1.8	501.74	4.3	621.67	-1.1	772.66	3.2	734.84	1.5	621.61	2.0	318.19	-3.0	790.98	3.3	625.22	1.1
2000	603.71	2.2	729.81	-0.4	489.50	-2.4	676.38	8.8	774.88	0.3	765.18	4.1	632.59	1.8	340.65	7.1	813.52	2.8	637.07	1.9
2001	612.24	1.4	769.81	5.5	486.24	-0.7	682.12	0.8	807.48	4.2	742.77	-2.9	660.47	4.4	345.47	1.4	824.16	1.3	645.70	1.4
2002	637.75	4.2	801.70	4.1	504.98	3.9	731.66	7.3	851.49	5.5	776.17	4.5	691.07	4.6	337.39	-2.3	891.09	8.1	[illegible]	3.4
2002 Jan	623.16	3.0	755.01	0.7	488.11	1.5	655.80	-3.8	803.66	6.5	764.20	3.8	676.78	2.8	331.35	25.3	862.08	6.0	656.05	2.4
Feb	618.75	2.1	782.19	2.4	469.93	-2.1	699.41	2.1	833.33	4.6	752.47	2.2	664.59	0.7	321.29	21.7	904.92	11.0	656.21	2.0
Mar	625.82	1.9	791.23	-2.4	502.66	6.2	700.09	3.6	826.84	-1.8	770.87	5.7	691.16	3.9	331.81	24.9	903.14	6.6	663.44	2.0
Apr	634.44	2.5	809.53	1.8	500.59	6.5	722.65	4.9	853.03	3.8	788.85	5.5	690.85	3.5	341.53	30.8	893.43	5.2	668.06	2.7
May	637.07	2.7	823.73	5.3	506.01	4.3	724.02	7.5	840.63	0.5	787.63	5.4	686.57	3.8	351.20	27.9	873.71	8.1	670.27	3.2
Jun	641.44	3.6	804.53	4.2	517.76	4.0	748.48	9.4	814.77	2.4	756.27	1.1	690.90	4.4	366.38	34.2	876.11	7.3	668.57	3.0
Jul	639.21	5.6	816.41	7.5	521.59	6.5	741.18	7.4	815.94	4.7	792.86	4.2	687.81	7.3	336.57	27.6	901.52	10.8	663.53	3.9
Aug	643.66	5.3	815.93	5.9	520.21	1.2	753.27	6.7	843.96	8.6	818.42	7.0	714.34	9.0	339.39	25.3	862.59	5.8	667.96	4.0
Sep	644.44	5.6	836.03	13.2	505.43	1.9	752.55	7.6	851.28	12.2	754.89	-0.2	703.96	6.6	315.26	16.4	887.86	11.6	668.84	3.6
Oct	645.20	5.8	797.76	3.1	500.22	2.6	736.15	8.4	900.43	13.9	785.96	7.6	685.49	3.0	333.25	25.7	899.70	10.1	671.53	4.3
Nov	650.00	5.5	789.82	1.7	512.26	5.0	781.88	16.6	912.16	5.8	772.73	6.9	704.31	5.6	331.82	27.0	913.49	9.5	678.18	4.2
Dec	648.12	6.3	792.04	6.8	507.60	7.7	751.25	16.1	925.82	5.7	777.88	4.8	695.21	4.9	346.98	32.7	916.22	6.0	676.45	5.1
2003 Jan	646.72	3.8	819.23	8.5	521.24	6.8	733.33	11.8	917.16	14.1	761.97	-0.3	694.53	2.6	338.02	2.0	890.10	3.3	679.52	3.6
Feb	647.82	4.7	860.36	10.0	517.40	10.1	729.63	4.3	902.73	8.3	733.93	-2.5	683.32	2.8	350.31	9.0	892.05	-1.4	679.14	3.5
Mar	648.86	3.7	807.26	2.0	513.78	2.2	760.09	8.6	844.95	2.2	764.90	-0.8	692.54	0.2	379.30	14.3	892.60	-1.2	682.00	2.8
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Mar02	622.58		776.14		486.90		685.10		821.28		762.51		677.51		328.15		890.05		658.57	
Jan-Mar03	647.80		828.95		517.47		741.02		888.28		753.60		690.13		355.88		891.58		680.22	
% Change	4.1		6.8		6.3		8.2		8.2		-1.2		1.9		8.4		0.2		3.3	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993												
1994												
1995												
1996												
1997	18.49		11.48		21.41		23.58		18.46		17.80	
1998	18.96		12.03		21.20		25.27		18.88		18.59	
1999	19.16	1.1	13.77	14.5	21.91	3.3	24.03	-4.9	19.06	1.0	18.20	-2.1
2000	19.25	0.5	11.37	-17.4	22.71	3.7	24.74	3.0	18.90	-0.8	18.89	3.8
2001	19.62	1.9	11.93	4.9	22.94	1.0	24.81	0.3	19.22	1.7	19.98	5.8
2002	19.89	1.4	11.73	-1.7	22.35	-2.6	25.95	4.6	19.82	3.1	20.00	0.1
2002 Jan	20.19	1.2	12.30	-3.7	22.39	-8.0	23.27	-4.1	19.78	2.3	20.93	5.3
Feb	20.66	4.5	13.48	8.6	21.56	-7.5	23.65	-2.7	20.76	7.3	20.72	3.1
Mar	20.74	4.9	13.48	3.7	21.92	-6.0	25.31	2.6	20.54	6.6	21.44	4.3
Apr	20.44	4.6	13.91	11.2	23.16	1.8	24.00	-4.5	20.09	4.3	21.04	5.3
May	20.17	4.0	12.87	9.1	22.55	1.5	26.46	3.4	19.82	4.6	20.74	3.7
Jun	19.66	2.0	11.46	2.2	22.81	2.0	26.85	4.5	19.34	3.9	19.99	-0.6
Jul	19.00	0.1	11.18	2.4	21.16	-1.7	27.53	6.7	18.92	0.9	19.23	-0.1
Aug	19.02	0.3	10.23	-13.2	22.71	2.3	25.69	-0.6	19.21	4.0	18.81	-2.6
Sep	19.44	-1.0	10.70	-12.7	21.65	-5.7	25.92	6.4	19.79	3.1	19.30	-3.4
Oct	19.45	-1.8	11.16	-2.6	21.93	-7.0	26.92	12.6	19.56	0.2	19.25	-2.3
Nov	20.11	-1.0	10.88	-7.2	23.24	-1.5	28.51	21.6	20.01	-0.8	19.77	-3.5
Dec	20.19	-0.3	11.74	1.2	23.37	0.9	26.77	11.5	20.20	0.7	19.69	-4.1
2003 Jan	20.77	2.9	12.42	1.0	23.42	4.6	27.54	18.3	20.61	4.2	20.72	-1.0
Feb	20.40	-1.3	12.24	-9.2	23.47	8.9	26.71	12.9	20.15	-2.9	20.65	-0.3
Mar	20.46	-1.4	12.56	-6.1	23.57	7.5	27.44	8.4	20.19	-1.7	20.48	-4.7
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Average:												
Jan-Mar02	20.53		13.09		21.96		24.08		20.36		21.03	
Jan-Mar03	20.54		12.44		23.49		27.23		20.32		20.60	
% Change	0.1		-4.9		7.0		13.1		-0.2		-2.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1993																				
1994																				
1995																				
1996																				
1997	16.43		18.17		13.55		16.11		19.02		22.52		18.46		10.10		21.16		16.07	
1998	16.58		18.64		13.57		17.22		19.59		22.16		18.65		10.40		20.92		17.10	
1999	16.77	1.1	19.00	1.9	14.07	3.7	17.02	-1.2	20.39	4.1	21.94	-1.0	18.89	1.3	10.27	-1.3	21.54	3.0	17.26	0.9
2000	17.15	2.3	18.69	-1.6	13.95	-0.9	18.40	8.1	20.29	-0.5	23.06	5.1	19.25	1.9	10.84	5.6	21.85	1.4	17.59	1.9
2001	17.51	2.1	19.98	6.9	13.94	-0.1	18.65	1.4	21.41	5.5	22.67	-1.7	20.17	4.8	10.97	1.2	22.51	3.0	17.93	1.9
2002	18.25	4.2	20.35	1.9	14.53	4.2	19.93	6.9	22.50	5.1	23.61	4.1	21.06	4.4	11.15	1.6	23.95	6.4	18.58	3.6
2002 Jan	17.90	3.8	19.39	1.4	14.28	3.7	17.92	-4.1	21.09	5.1	23.57	5.0	20.72	3.7	10.81	-2.6	23.35	6.9	18.33	3.1
Feb	17.94	3.6	20.13	3.5	13.74	-1.6	18.99	-0.4	21.80	5.8	23.76	5.9	20.40	2.0	10.97	-0.4	24.20	9.5	18.46	3.7
Mar	17.97	2.3	19.71	-3.8	14.50	5.0	19.41	4.1	22.14	3.5	23.45	2.9	20.63	1.6	11.12	-0.1	24.24	7.9	18.50	2.8
Apr	18.16	2.8	20.41	-1.8	14.42	4.0	19.64	5.0	22.64	5.0	23.78	3.1	20.77	2.4	11.22	2.3	24.17	6.9	18.60	3.1
May	18.18	2.4	20.45	0.6	14.53	4.9	19.60	4.9	22.26	0.5	23.79	3.7	20.88	3.4	11.45	0.1	23.58	4.8	18.59	2.7
Jun	18.13	2.7	20.50	1.0	14.53	2.8	20.06	7.7	21.71	1.9	22.19	-1.6	21.07	5.1	11.76	5.5	23.58	4.5	18.66	2.5
Jul	18.12	4.5	20.28	0.5	14.76	5.7	20.69	11.1	21.93	2.1	22.79	1.2	21.17	6.8	11.09	1.2	24.04	6.3	18.31	3.6
Aug	18.08	4.9	20.52	2.5	14.71	2.1	20.17	7.0	22.35	6.6	23.10	5.5	21.45	7.1	10.90	1.6	23.35	4.3	18.28	3.9
Sep	18.40	5.0	21.02	7.1	14.57	4.4	20.09	4.9	22.29	7.5	23.21	1.3	21.51	5.6	10.74	-2.1	23.87	6.9	18.62	3.7
Oct	18.61	5.9	20.55	1.1	14.51	5.4	20.41	10.0	23.44	9.8	24.46	6.8	21.35	5.2	11.11	3.0	24.04	7.2	18.78	4.3
Nov	18.71	5.9	20.45	2.7	14.86	6.4	21.01	13.9	23.94	5.8	24.44	9.9	21.47	5.2	11.19	5.1	24.41	7.6	18.99	4.6
Dec	18.76	6.7	20.59	8.0	14.78	7.4	20.76	17.8	24.56	7.8	24.53	6.2	21.26	4.5	11.37	5.8	24.58	4.2	19.04	5.4
2003 Jan	18.74	4.7	20.81	7.3	15.11	5.8	20.06	11.9	24.27	15.1	24.18	2.6	21.64	4.4	11.43	5.7	24.13	3.3	19.14	4.4
Feb	18.81	4.8	21.57	7.2	15.02	9.3	20.27	6.7	24.02	10.2	23.63	-0.5	21.37	4.8	11.35	3.5	23.96	-1.0	19.13	3.6
Mar	18.73	4.2	20.60	4.5	14.90	2.8	20.51	5.7	23.05	4.1	24.15	3.0	21.40	3.7	11.93	7.3	23.92	-1.3	19.09	3.2
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Mar02	17.94		19.74		14.17		18.77		21.68		23.59		20.58		10.97		23.93		18.43	
Jan-Mar03	18.76		20.99		15.01		20.28		23.78		23.99		21.47		11.57		24.00		19.12	
% Change	4.6		6.3		5.9		8.0		9.7		1.7		4.3		5.5		0.3		3.7	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing: Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied		Construction	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	384.5		34.3		25.8		6.3		12.3		179.2		22.2		49.2		21.6		114.2	
1994	401.6	4.4	30.7	-10.5	30.7	19.0	6.2	-1.6	12.0	-2.4	183.7	2.5	26.8	20.7	49.7	1.0	21.0	-2.8	125.6	10.0
1995	405.4	0.9	25.6	-16.6	36.3	18.2	4.5	-27.4	14.2	18.3	188.7	2.7	22.1	-17.5	43.4	-12.7	23.8	13.3	125.1	-0.4
1996	410.2	1.2	30.1	17.6	32.1	-11.6	5.1	13.3	17.5	23.2	195.1	3.4	24.4	10.4	43.8	0.9	22.9	-3.8	119.5	-4.5
1997	417.8	1.9	33.2	10.3	32.6	1.6	5.4	5.9	16.5	-5.7	197.0	1.0	25.5	4.5	44.8	2.3	22.9	0.0	122.9	2.8
1998	408.9	-2.1	33.1	-0.3	29.8	-8.6	3.5	-35.2	17.3	4.8	196.0	-0.5	25.8	1.2	43.6	-2.7	22.5	-1.7	117.7	-4.2
1999	396.5	-3.0	28.6	-13.6	30.2	1.3	4.0	14.3	14.8	-14.5	192.2	-1.9	21.7	-15.9	42.0	-3.7	22.3	-0.9	115.3	-2.0
2000	414.4	4.5	29.7	3.8	37.1	22.8	4.8	20.0	13.4	-9.5	205.4	6.9	23.7	9.2	46.5	10.7	17.7	-20.6	112.5	-2.4
2001	392.0	-5.4	25.9	-12.8	26.1	-29.6	5.4	12.5	11.8	-11.9	196.2	-4.5	26.2	10.5	49.5	6.5	15.0	-15.3	114.9	2.1
2002	399.0	1.8	30.1	16.2	25.9	-0.8	3.3	-38.9	9.7	-17.8	196.9	0.4	27.0	3.1	44.7	-9.7	16.7	11.3	120.6	5.0
2002 Jan	361.8	-5.1	21.8	5.8	21.3	-29.5	2.8	12.0	12.4	-1.6	179.8	-13.5	18.0	-33.6	41.9	-18.2	16.3	30.4	110.8	13.9
Feb	365.8	-5.5	20.9	-19.0	23.9	-18.4	1.7	-58.5	11.6	9.4	186.9	-6.3	21.5	-17.3	47.1	-11.8	17.6	23.9	109.7	2.1
Mar	373.0	-5.8	23.4	-11.0	25.0	3.3	2.1	-76.4	11.2	10.9	191.5	-6.0	20.2	-31.5	50.3	-7.2	21.1	45.5	107.5	-4.4
Apr	376.6	-4.7	24.9	-7.8	22.0	3.8	2.5	-66.7	9.3	13.4	194.8	-4.5	20.0	-30.6	48.4	-1.4	19.0	20.3	111.9	-2.0
May	390.1	-3.1	29.1	19.8	24.2	-0.8	2.3	-71.3	8.8	-12.9	192.1	-5.0	22.4	-24.3	48.3	-4.4	19.4	9.0	119.6	-0.6
Jun	406.2	0.0	32.8	28.6	23.1	-2.5	2.6	-60.0	9.6	-18.6	202.7	0.0	28.7	-5.3	44.8	-5.9	18.1	-3.2	121.7	-1.2
Jul	424.7	2.6	35.0	24.1	26.2	-7.4	3.0	-49.2	10.5	-5.4	207.5	4.8	32.9	30.0	45.1	-12.9	16.7	-6.7	129.8	0.2
Aug	431.6	5.2	38.4	18.5	28.5	-5.9	4.9	-3.9	8.2	-34.9	206.4	5.0	34.7	23.9	44.0	-12.5	14.0	-12.5	133.2	10.6
Sep	422.5	5.1	37.3	30.4	29.8	1.0	4.1	-6.8	8.8	-39.7	202.4	3.2	36.7	49.8	40.8	-17.2	15.5	21.1	127.9	9.3
Oct	423.4	9.1	35.0	34.1	29.7	8.4	5.4	54.3	9.4	-31.4	200.3	7.1	31.6	30.0	41.0	-13.0	15.3	18.6	132.3	11.7
Nov	408.6	11.1	30.9	26.1	28.5	21.8	4.3	0.0	8.2	-37.4	200.3	13.0	29.2	43.1	41.0	-4.4	12.9	-4.4	124.2	8.4
Dec	403.2	14.3	31.6	45.0	28.6	33.6	4.2	7.7	8.5	-31.5	198.5	10.3	26.0	27.5	43.4	-6.3	14.7	6.5	118.7	14.6
2003 Jan	394.4	9.0	28.5	30.7	28.8	35.2	6.4	128.6	7.6	-38.7	196.5	9.3	27.4	52.2	43.4	3.6	18.3	12.3	114.5	3.3
Feb	402.5	10.0	30.4	45.5	28.3	18.4	4.0	135.3	12.2	5.2	201.2	7.7	28.9	34.4	49.9	5.9	15.8	-10.2	112.9	2.9
Mar	421.8	13.1	36.1	54.3	29.0	16.0	4.1	95.2	15.5	38.4	207.6	8.4	27.2	34.7	50.7	0.8	15.5	-26.5	115.0	7.0
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Jan-Mar02	366.9		22.0		23.4		2.2		11.7		186.1		19.9		46.4		18.3		109.3	
Jan-Mar03	406.2		31.7		28.7		4.8		11.8		201.8		27.8		48.0		16.5		114.1	
% Change	10.7		43.7		22.6		119.7		0.3		8.4		39.9		3.4		-9.8		4.4	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1993	1,291.4		100.6		275.2		113.9		700.4		112.6		164.3		121.4		101.3		1,675.9	
1994	1,352.4	4.7	99.1	-1.5	289.4	5.2	118.0	3.6	745.8	6.5	120.4	6.9	170.8	4.0	129.2	6.4	100.1	-1.2	1,754.0	4.7
1995	1,386.9	2.6	96.8	-2.3	299.8	3.6	117.9	-0.1	768.6	3.1	123.3	2.4	176.6	3.4	135.2	4.6	103.8	3.7	1,792.3	2.2
1996	1,411.0	1.7	99.1	2.4	294.3	-1.8	123.6	4.8	787.0	2.4	117.6	-4.6	183.4	3.9	142.8	5.6	107.0	3.1	1,821.2	1.6
1997	1,451.2	2.8	109.2	10.2	301.5	2.4	127.1	2.8	814.0	3.4	121.9	3.7	189.6	3.4	145.4	1.8	99.5	-7.0	1,869.0	2.6
1998	1,461.2	0.7	106.2	-2.7	294.3	-2.4	122.7	-3.5	845.2	3.8	120.2	-1.4	194.6	2.6	151.9	4.5	93.1	-6.4	1,870.2	0.1
1999	1,509.9	3.3	117.9	11.0	308.5	4.8	119.9	-2.3	873.0	3.3	127.5	6.1	195.2	0.3	152.7	0.5	90.4	-2.9	1,906.4	1.9
2000	1,534.7	1.6	114.4	-3.0	303.2	-1.7	119.5	-0.3	907.9	4.0	134.9	5.8	202.1	3.5	164.0	7.4	89.7	-0.8	1,949.1	2.2
2001	1,550.4	1.0	106.9	-6.6	309.5	2.1	116.2	-2.8	929.0	2.3	135.7	0.6	203.8	0.8	170.6	4.0	88.8	-1.0	1,942.4	-0.3
2002	1,574.4	1.5	110.1	3.0	319.0	3.1	118.9	2.3	941.8	1.4	139.7	2.9	217.3	6.6	171.0	0.2	84.7	-4.6	1,973.4	1.6
2002 Jan	1,537.8	1.2	103.6	-1.6	303.4	1.2	115.6	-5.9	931.9	3.0	145.1	3.6	215.3	10.9	168.7	2.4	83.4	-4.0	1,899.6	-0.1
Feb	1,537.9	0.0	106.1	0.2	304.2	3.3	111.7	-9.0	937.3	0.9	142.2	-1.5	210.2	11.6	174.4	-3.5	78.6	-9.7	1,903.7	-1.2
Mar	1,547.6	-0.3	101.6	-8.6	299.3	-2.2	110.0	-7.1	954.3	2.8	142.9	6.3	211.4	3.1	180.8	2.9	82.3	-6.1	1,920.6	-1.4
Apr	1,561.4	1.3	104.4	-3.6	317.1	6.4	108.2	-11.3	953.0	3.1	147.7	7.9	216.3	8.9	179.9	6.1	78.9	-11.0	1,938.1	0.1
May	1,571.7	-0.8	107.7	0.9	321.8	2.6	111.5	-5.7	948.7	0.0	139.7	0.9	213.6	1.9	178.7	1.0	82.1	-14.8	1,961.8	-1.2
Jun	1,604.6	1.7	112.4	5.3	320.0	5.0	118.9	-0.7	967.8	1.3	143.6	8.1	218.7	3.5	176.7	4.0	85.4	-6.7	2,010.7	1.3
Jul	1,598.3	2.0	115.8	7.5	328.2	6.6	118.8	2.9	945.5	0.0	119.4	5.9	222.4	4.3	179.8	0.6	90.0	-1.0	2,023.0	2.1
Aug	1,603.7	3.3	111.7	2.5	331.2	5.1	123.5	4.3	947.3	3.2	123.5	10.5	218.0	4.7	173.9	-1.3	90.0	-2.6	2,035.3	3.7
Sep	1,598.1	3.6	119.7	7.7	325.4	3.9	123.9	11.6	939.9	1.9	144.0	5.6	218.0	6.8	163.7	1.2	89.1	5.2	2,020.6	3.9
Oct	1,579.1	2.8	114.4	7.4	320.1	2.5	128.4	15.6	929.1	0.8	141.6	0.3	223.8	13.5	160.2	-2.7	87.0	3.6	2,002.5	4.1
Nov	1,579.4	2.0	111.0	4.2	324.5	-0.2	127.8	20.3	931.7	1.1	139.8	-6.8	220.9	8.8	161.1	2.7	84.4	-5.1	1,987.9	3.8
Dec	1,573.8	1.8	112.9	15.0	332.3	2.6	128.9	18.7	915.1	-1.6	147.2	-1.3	219.6	3.5	154.7	-9.8	84.8	-1.7	1,977.0	4.1
2003 Jan	1,550.0	0.8	114.1	10.1	320.7	5.7	128.4	11.1	904.7	-2.9	155.3	7.0	207.5	-3.6	156.4	-7.3	82.2	-1.4	1,944.5	2.4
Feb	1,568.8	2.0	115.6	9.0	312.9	2.9	127.9	14.5	924.2	-1.4	161.3	13.4	211.8	0.8	158.1	-9.3	88.2	12.2	1,971.3	3.6
Mar	1,576.4	1.9	116.9	15.1	312.1	4.3	127.7	16.1	935.7	-1.9	158.6	11.0	211.6	0.1	161.1	-10.9	84.0	2.1	1,998.2	4.0
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Average:																				
Jan-Mar02	1,541.1		103.8		302.3		112.4		941.2		143.4		212.3		174.6		81.4		1,908.0	
Jan-Mar03	1,565.1		115.5		315.2		128.0		921.5		158.4		210.3		158.5		84.8		1,971.3	
% Change	1.6		11.3		4.3		13.8		-2.1		10.5		-0.9		-9.2		4.1		3.3	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	36.8		39.6		38.5		34.9		36.4		36.0	
1994	36.8	0.0	37.0	-6.6	38.8	0.8	35.2	0.9	37.0	1.6	35.9	-0.3
1995	36.3	-1.4	37.4	1.1	39.0	0.5	34.3	-2.6	36.6	-1.1	34.6	-3.6
1996	36.3	0.0	38.6	3.2	37.7	-3.3	33.1	-3.5	36.4	-0.5	35.1	1.4
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-4.7	38.4	1.9	35.7	7.9	36.2	-0.5	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.4	4.3	38.8	1.0	34.4	-3.6	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.3	38.9	0.3	32.8	-4.7	36.7	2.5	34.0	-2.0
2000	36.9	1.9	37.8	0.8	37.2	-4.4	35.6	8.5	37.5	2.2	35.5	4.4
2001	36.2	-1.9	38.5	1.9	37.7	1.3	34.2	-3.9	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.6
2002	35.8	-1.1	36.7	-4.7	37.9	0.5	33.8	-1.2	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2002 Jan	35.9	-2.7	29.4	-24.6	39.1	8.9	35.5	-9.9	37.6	1.6	33.3	-8.5
Feb	36.2	-2.9	29.0	-21.8	40.4	2.0	33.8	-14.2	37.5	0.0	34.1	-4.7
Mar	36.2	-3.5	33.3	-15.3	41.4	4.3	34.7	-13.3	36.4	-1.9	34.9	-4.4
Apr	36.5	9.0	36.0	-7.2	34.9	8.7	33.2	2.2	37.0	10.1	36.6	11.6
May	38.0	1.1	38.5	-2.8	38.9	-5.4	37.4	8.7	38.3	2.1	37.0	0.8
Jun	37.9	-0.8	37.4	-13.6	38.1	-14.0	39.1	9.2	37.7	0.0	38.0	5.3
Jul	36.2	-2.4	39.1	-5.1	39.0	1.8	29.5	-8.7	35.0	-5.4	37.1	1.9
Aug	36.3	3.4	43.0	9.1	35.1	-4.4	31.1	-13.4	34.9	1.5	37.3	8.7
Sep	37.1	-0.3	39.5	7.6	42.8	3.6	35.7	4.7	36.9	0.0	35.1	-4.1
Oct	31.9	-0.6	38.2	5.8	32.4	3.5	30.0	21.0	31.4	-3.7	31.0	-1.0
Nov	32.0	-11.1	35.6	-0.6	34.4	-0.9	29.8	-13.4	32.0	-13.3	30.6	-13.1
Dec	36.1	-0.8	32.9	-4.6	38.4	3.5	33.7	11.2	37.4	0.8	34.3	-4.5
2003 Jan	36.7	2.2	31.4	6.8	40.5	3.6	38.1	7.3	37.9	0.8	34.2	2.7
Feb	37.5	3.6	33.8	16.6	42.3	4.7	37.2	10.1	37.9	1.1	35.9	5.3
Mar	37.5	3.6	34.1	2.4	40.6	-1.9	34.5	-0.6	37.3	2.5	37.8	8.3
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Average:												
Jan-Mar02	36.1		30.6		40.3		34.7		37.2		34.1	
Jan-Mar03	37.2		33.1		41.1		36.6		37.7		36.0	
% Change	3.1		8.3		2.1		5.6		1.4		5.5	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1993	32.2		36.5		32.7		34.0		35.2		28.5		29.2		30.3		32.9		33.2	
1994	32.2	0.0	36.6	0.3	32.7	0.0	32.9	-3.2	35.1	-0.3	29.4	3.2	29.6	1.4	30.7	1.3	32.6	-0.9	33.2	0.0
1995	32.2	0.0	36.2	-1.1	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.3	35.4	0.9	30.3	3.1	29.7	0.3	30.0	-2.3	33.3	2.1	33.1	-0.3
1996	32.2	0.0	35.6	-1.7	33.0	1.5	33.3	1.5	36.4	2.8	29.8	-1.7	29.3	-1.3	29.3	-2.3	33.1	-0.6	33.1	0.0
1997	32.0	-0.6	36.2	1.7	33.2	0.6	33.8	1.5	35.3	-3.0	29.2	-2.0	29.3	0.0	29.4	0.3	33.1	0.0	33.0	-0.3
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.5	-0.9	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.5	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.7	-1.2	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.3	-0.8	31.7	-0.6	32.9	-1.8	35.1	1.7	27.8	-0.4	29.6	3.5	29.7	-2.3	33.0	0.9	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.5	32.1	1.3	33.8	2.7	35.5	1.1	29.6	6.5	30.6	3.4	29.9	0.7	34.3	3.9	33.3	2.5
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.1	-3.1	32.7	-3.3	33.8	-4.8	28.6	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	-0.3	31.7	-7.6	32.2	-3.3
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	0.0	33.3	1.8	33.9	0.3	28.9	1.0	29.2	1.0	28.1	-5.7	33.1	4.4	32.0	-0.6
2002 Jan	32.0	-0.9	36.5	-0.5	31.5	1.6	34.7	4.5	36.4	6.1	31.8	-5.4	30.6	0.0	28.3	-3.7	32.6	-5.2	32.7	-1.8
Feb	31.8	-1.5	34.6	-5.2	31.6	0.0	36.2	9.4	35.3	-1.1	31.0	-5.2	29.6	-2.6	28.8	-4.0	34.7	1.5	32.7	-1.8
Mar	32.0	-2.4	33.8	-8.4	32.8	3.1	35.1	2.9	36.0	-2.7	31.8	2.6	31.0	1.6	28.1	-7.3	33.6	-7.4	32.9	-2.4
Apr	32.3	6.6	36.5	9.6	31.7	3.9	35.2	12.5	36.8	4.8	32.8	21.5	30.1	9.5	27.8	-6.4	36.0	30.9	33.1	6.8
May	32.3	0.9	37.2	6.6	32.6	2.5	34.8	3.6	34.3	0.9	32.2	2.5	30.4	0.3	28.3	-5.7	34.7	8.8	33.4	0.9
Jun	32.3	0.6	36.0	5.0	32.6	0.3	33.6	0.3	34.5	0.6	32.1	0.3	29.0	-4.0	29.8	-3.9	35.6	8.9	33.4	0.3
Jul	30.2	2.4	36.9	8.2	30.4	-0.7	33.0	-1.2	32.3	1.9	19.9	43.2	27.5	-1.4	28.6	-5.9	33.1	5.4	31.4	1.0
Aug	29.1	1.7	34.8	0.3	30.8	4.4	32.3	6.6	31.8	4.6	15.2	7.0	28.1	2.9	29.6	-5.1	27.6	6.2	30.6	2.0
Sep	31.9	0.3	36.1	2.3	31.5	-1.6	33.6	3.1	34.6	4.8	31.4	-5.1	30.3	5.2	27.5	-10.1	34.0	13.7	33.0	0.3
Oct	28.2	-1.7	31.4	-6.8	28.0	-4.1	30.0	2.7	30.0	2.4	26.9	0.0	27.1	3.4	26.2	-8.4	29.5	0.0	29.0	-1.4
Nov	28.6	-8.9	29.8	-17.7	28.8	-9.4	29.9	-8.6	31.0	-9.1	27.9	-10.3	27.2	-4.9	26.5	-4.0	31.5	-5.1	29.3	-9.3
Dec	31.1	-2.5	34.6	-6.5	31.4	0.3	32.0	-9.6	33.8	-7.4	30.6	0.0	29.4	1.7	27.3	-5.9	34.9	5.1	32.1	-1.8
2003 Jan	31.0	-3.1	34.6	-5.2	30.6	-2.9	35.3	1.7	33.8	-7.1	30.4	-4.4	28.5	-6.9	26.7	-5.7	35.9	10.1	32.2	-1.5
Feb	31.5	-0.9	34.7	0.3	30.9	-2.2	34.8	-3.9	35.7	1.1	30.2	-2.6	28.9	-2.4	28.1	-2.4	35.3	1.7	32.7	0.0
Mar	31.5	-1.6	37.1	9.8	30.6	-6.7	34.2	-2.6	35.1	-2.5	27.6	-13.2	28.7	-7.4	29.7	5.7	34.3	2.1	32.8	-0.3
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Average:																				
Jan-Mar02	31.9		35.0		32.0		35.3		35.9		31.5		30.4		28.4		33.6		32.8	
Jan-Mar03	31.3		35.5		30.7		34.8		34.9		29.4		28.7		28.2		35.2		32.6	
% Change	-1.9		1.4		-4.0		-1.6		-2.9		-6.8		-5.6		-0.8		4.6		-0.6	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions and comments should be directed to Karen Calderbank at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Calderbank@gems4.gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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